

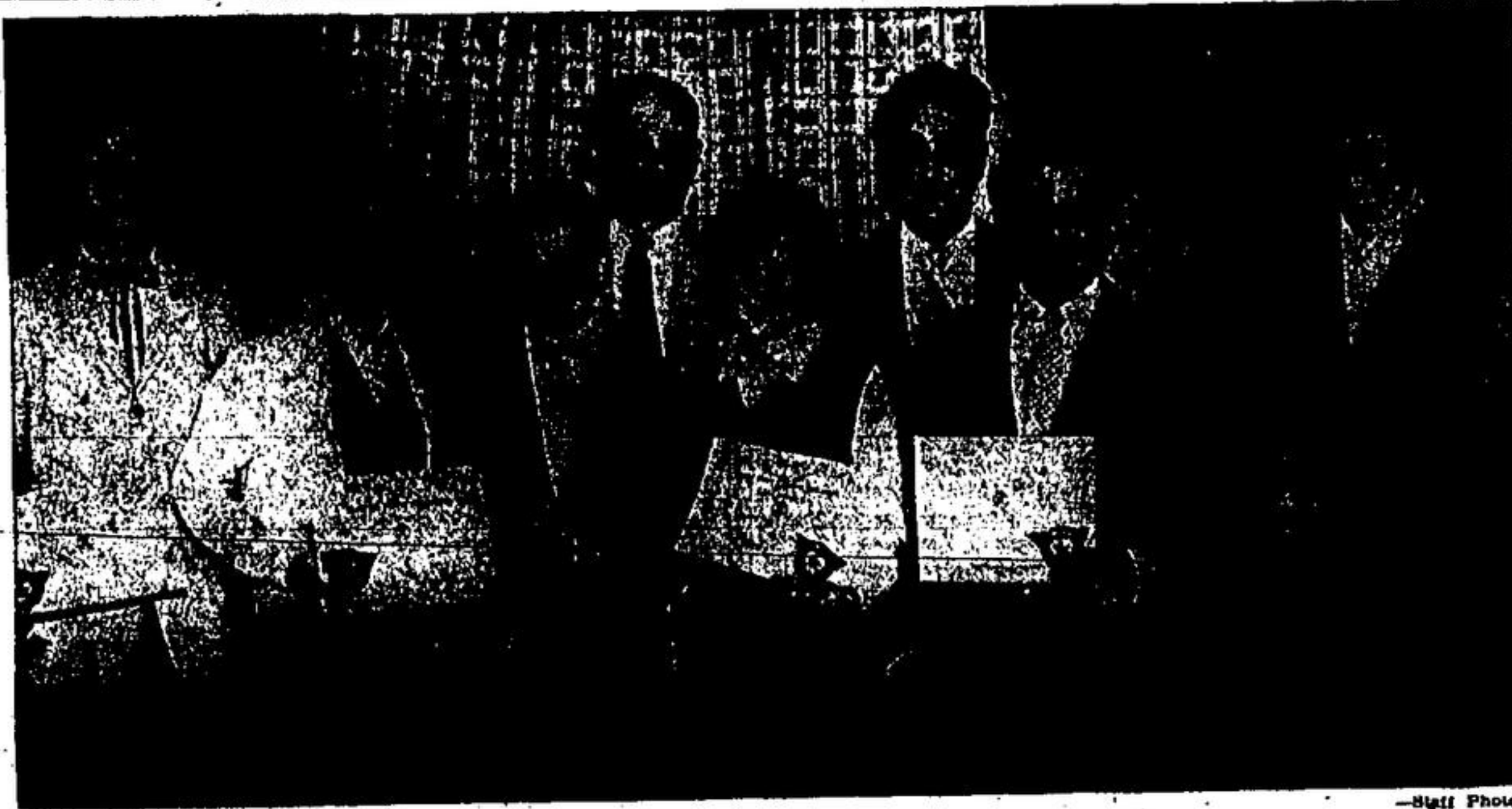
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**Y.M.C.A. MEMBERS** were presented with trophies and certificates during a brief ceremony Monday night in the banquet room, when a few of the parents were present. Winners in various competitions and swimmers obtaining certificates were present to receive the awards. Pictured above front row left to right are Tony Hopper, junior lifesaver, Susan Cohen, junior lifesaver,

Bradley Mainprize, runner-up in the archery class, Shirley Cohen, junior lifesaver, Chris Denny, junior lifesaver and John Creighton, winner in the archery class. Back row left to right, Sid Saitz, Y secretary and Bob Foyers, Y Board program chairman. Missing is Pat Churchill, winner of the table tennis competition.

## School Board

### Casts Wary Eye on Formation Of Local Teachers' Council

Official recognition for the newly formed Acton Public School Teachers' Council might be a long time in coming, if remarks of school trustees at their regular meeting Tuesday evening influence their decision. The board was asked for an official nod of approval for the organization in a letter read to members by secretary W. Middleton.

Trustees left their decision over until the next meeting, hoping to digest more facts about the organization before committing themselves.

Mrs. L. Doherty heads the local group with Mrs. N. Turner secretary.

Other officers are Mrs. A. Gwizdala, K. Black, Miss B. Forsbury and E. Brears. Included among its aims are the furthering of education in Acton and a variety of professional and educational activities. The council would also serve as a link between the teachers and the board.

**Flowers Name**  
Some members viewed the organization with suspicion. Trustee Wes Wolfe moved that the board not recognize the group. "It's just a flowery name for a union," he said.

Asked his opinion of the organization, Principal G. McKenzie replied that if it was a union, he was not for it. His understanding of the role of the group was simply an effort to coordinate activities between the two schools and to get things done in educational matters in town.

Most members expressed surprise at the group's existence, in timing it was the first they had heard of it. Trustee Tom Watson could not see the council's purpose. He said principals perform liaison duties between board and teachers, one of the aims of the new council proposed to carry out.

**Might Abuse Powers**  
Chairman Murray Smith won

delegated to themselves wouldn't be abused. And trustee G.H. Bradley expressed alarm that the organization might support teachers' salary hikes. Both trustees thought perhaps it was just a polite term for a Teachers' Federation local, or union.

Pointing out that the council function in other communities, trustee Ernie Marks refused to be alarmed at the formation of the group.

Trustee Wes Wolfe was not impressed by this argument. "We are all agreed that we have the best system of public school education in Halton county. Let's keep it that way. Let's lead the way, not follow the example of other centres. They are not necessarily right."

Plans for an Orientation Week for new teachers in the two schools were finalized on the request of Principal E. Smith. The board authorized the secretary to pay transportation and board for the new teachers during the week of May 30 to June 3.

**Engage Teacher**  
Trustee Tom Watson reported that the board had been successful in obtaining a home economy teacher on a 50-50 basis with Milton public school. Miss H. Baker will receive a salary of \$3,800, plus a mileage allowance of 10¢ per mile while spending two and a half days each week in Acton. The Acton board will pay half her salary.

### Fairy Lake Level Now Back to Normal

Level of the water in Fairy Lake is up to its normal height. The water level went down very noticeably when the dam was out of the dam but rose again quite promptly since they were replaced.

A highly qualified industrial arts teacher who could also relieve the principals and allow them to do supervisory work was also reported to be negotiating with the teacher engagement committee.

Principal Garnet McKenzie urged that something be done to "bridge the gap" between grades seven and eight and high school grades nine and 10 in his report to the board.

**Seeks Information**

He noted that Guelph College had requested information about local pupils planning enrollment there next term. This was a regular procedure with the Guelph authorities. They also volunteered suggestions to help pupils to adjust to new conditions. Mr. McKenzie enquired why the same co-ordination couldn't exist in Acton.

Mr. McKenzie suggested the curriculum from grades seven to 10 should be studied as a unit. The result would be an easy high school entrance without a break in studies or discipline.

The board agreed to make enquiries to the high school board in an effort to arrange a meeting on a professional level between the three principals involved. Chairman Murray Smith said Jack Creighton, chairman of the Acton district high school board had spoken to him at a earlier date enquiring if a meeting was feasible.

**Other Business**

• Engaged the firm of R. W. Bennett, Hamilton tree surgeons to remove all dead wood and hangers from trees in the Robert Little school grounds. A ton of the grounds prior to the meeting suggested this was an immediate need.

• Instructed the secretary to write the architect informing him of conditions left by the contract of and requesting an early clean up.

### Honesty Pays Off Children Get \$2.00

Two dollars richer for their honesty are six-year-old Timmy Coles and his sister, seven-year-old Marianne, for returning \$70 to its rightful owner last Friday.

The two youngsters on their way to school found a bank book containing the money on the street and gave the items to school crossing guard Mrs. W. McEachern.

The name of the owner was located after the guard enquired at the bank and the money was then returned.

Relieved to receive the lost money, the owner gratefully gave the children a crisp dollar bill each.

### All Champions

#### Awards, Certificates Given To Leading Y.M.C.A. Members

Several young Y.M.C.A. members were rewarded for their interest, enthusiasm and achievements during regular Y classes when trophies, certificates and other prizes were distributed during an informal gathering in the banquet room at the Y Monday evening.

Only a handful of parents were present to see the youngsters honored for their first-rate record in Y.M.C.A. work and marksmanship during competitions.

The trophy for the champion table tennis player was won by Pat Churchill, who was absent for the presentation. John Creighton received the trophy for champion marksman in the archery class. Bradley Mainprize, second straightest archery shot, won a pair of running shoes. James Blinn, runner-up for third spot, was also absent but will receive a pair of running shoes as well.

Certificates and crests for completing their junior lifesaving qualifications were received by Shirley and Susan Cohen, Tony Hopper and Chris Denny.

Awards were distributed by Y secretary Sid Saitz and Y Board program chairman, Bob Foyers.

## Acton Hydro's Purchase of No. 2 Substation Estimated to Return 8% on Investment

No. 2 substation on Queen St. East will be purchased from the Ontario Hydro, Acton's hydro commission decided at their regular meeting last Thursday evening. The substation purchased at a cost of \$30,021 will be taken over by the local commission on July 1 after the completion of the semi-annual maintenance check.

This action follows the purchase in 1958, of No. 1 substation which has allowed the commission to realize 10% per year on the investment of \$17,160. It is estimated that with the acquisition of No. 2 substation a return of 8% will be effected. Main saving is in the reduced rates the local commission pays to Ontario Hydro for electrical power.

### In Two Units

No. 2 substation was built by the Ontario Hydro Commission in the summer of 1950 at a cost of \$5,000. The substation is composed of two main units—the 20-ton, 2000 KVA transformer and the metal-clad switch house. The transformer takes the power from Ontario Hydro lines at 26,400 volts and reduces it to 4000 volts. The 1485 gallons of oil in the transformer are tested twice each year and replaced every ten years.

The metal-clad switch house, divided into three separate sections, contains the switch breaks for protection from lightning and overload and the all automatic metering equipment.

### More Investigation

Also up for discussion was the subject of awnings, air conditioning and drapes for the Commission office. After discussion on the installation of bamboo drapes and air conditioning the property committee was authorized to proceed with further in-

vestigation before a decision is reached.

A letter from the Ontario Labor Relations Board advised the Commission that H. D. Powell had been appointed conciliation officer in their negotiations with the employees.

### Year's Budget

Superintendent Doug Mason presented his detailed capital expenditure budget for 1960. The various projects were discussed.

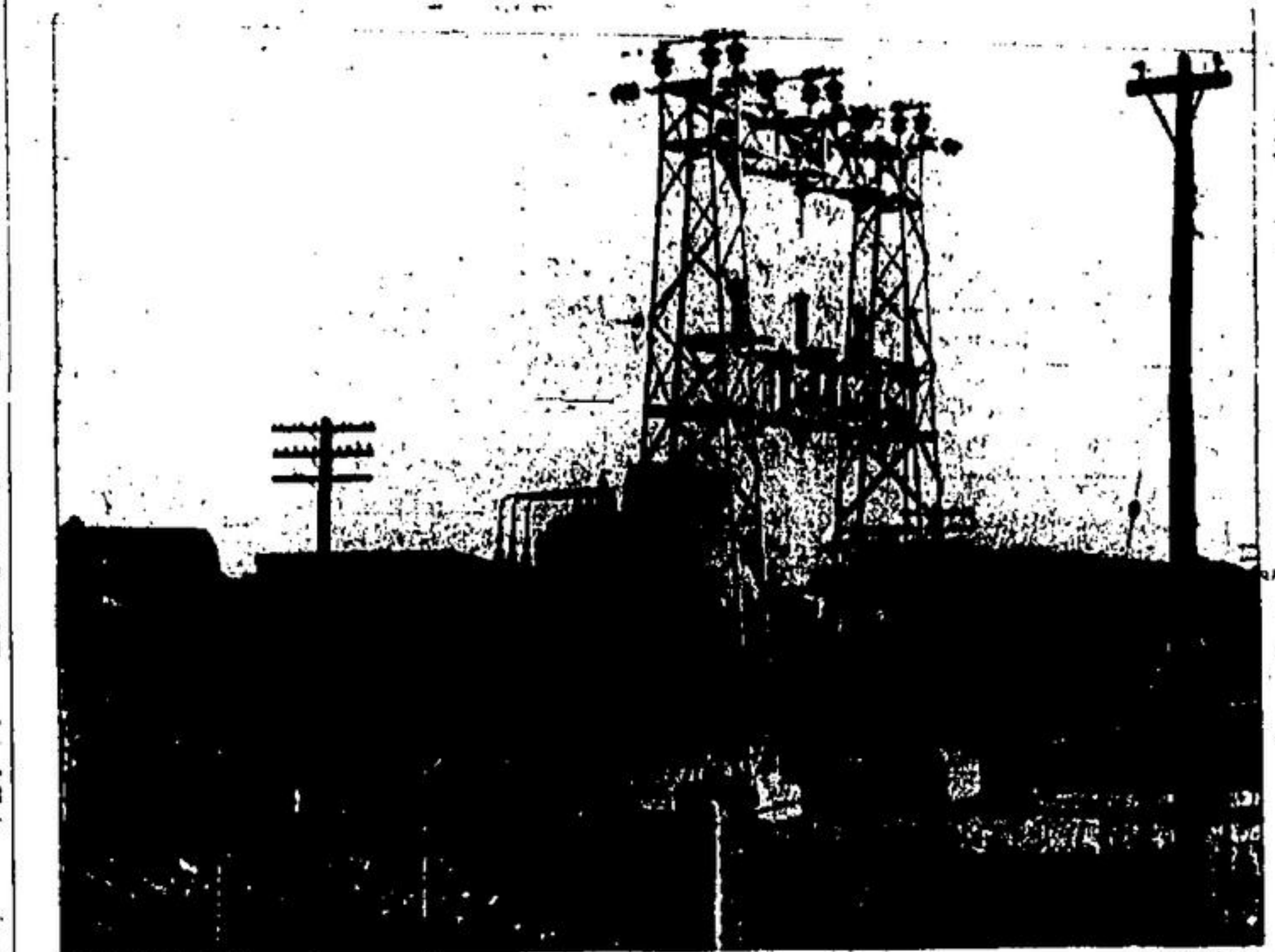
Among the projects was the rebuilding of the hydro line from Highway 25 to the pump house at the Main Street South spring. Commissioners, quiescented Mayor Gay on the practicability of rebuilding the line since there was some question of the spring ever being used again.

The mayor pointed out that Council proposed to widen the roadway to the spring to reduce the costs of keeping the road free

from snow during the winter. He expressed every confidence that the quality of the water at the spring would return to the point where it would be once again usable.

Commissioners congratulated the superintendent on the comprehensive budget he had submitted.

The holiday schedule for employees is to be submitted at the next meeting.



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**NO. 2 SUBSTATION** will be purchased by the Acton Hydro Commission following their decision Thursday, April 28. Consideration has been given for some time to make the purchase in order to buy power from the Ontario Hydro at a cheaper rate. Substation No. 1 was purchased by the former Public Utilities Commission in 1958.

## Board Recommends Zone Change Hears of Proposed Business Block

Acton Planning Board Tuesday night recommended to council that land recently acquired by the town on Main Street South, adjoining the water tower be zoned as industrial.

Following an earlier meeting, the board had submitted plans to the Municipal Board asking for permission to change this area from its present status as residential to commercial in order to allow a municipal lot to be established.

Word was received from the Municipal Board Tuesday night, suggesting the area be zoned as industrial. The secretary was in on its feet during the past year and taking such an active interest in the welfare of the youngsters of Acton.

Mr. Wilson informed the small group the board had undertaken many changes at the Y this year but were limited in their plans for future renovations due to lack of capital unless more support was received. He noted that Y could be made more attractive and facilities improved if more personal interest in the program was shown by parents.

changes in the application and notify the board, providing council agrees to the change.

**Ask for Plan**  
An application from D. Campbell, Main Street south, for permission to sell three lots on his property on the south side of the pump house for residential lots, was reviewed.

The board agreed to have Mr. Campbell submit a plan of subdivision indicating street plans of this entire lot, before further consideration could be given.

**New Business Block**  
The board was informed by secretary J. McGeehan a tentative application had been received for permission to erect a building block in the vacant lot adjoining the Brewers' Warehouse building on Queen Street East.

The sketched plan submitted by Snelgrove Real Estate Company indicated "allowance" had been made for seven stores in the area. Board members gave the nod of approval for the project as it complied with the zoning by-law.

**Request Garages**  
Applications were received from eight ratepayers requesting permission to erect garages on their property. Included were plot

plans and sketches of proposed garages.

Following a brief discussion the board decided eight applications were not sufficient to alter the zoning by-law and decided to wait until further requests were made and deal with them at a special meeting.

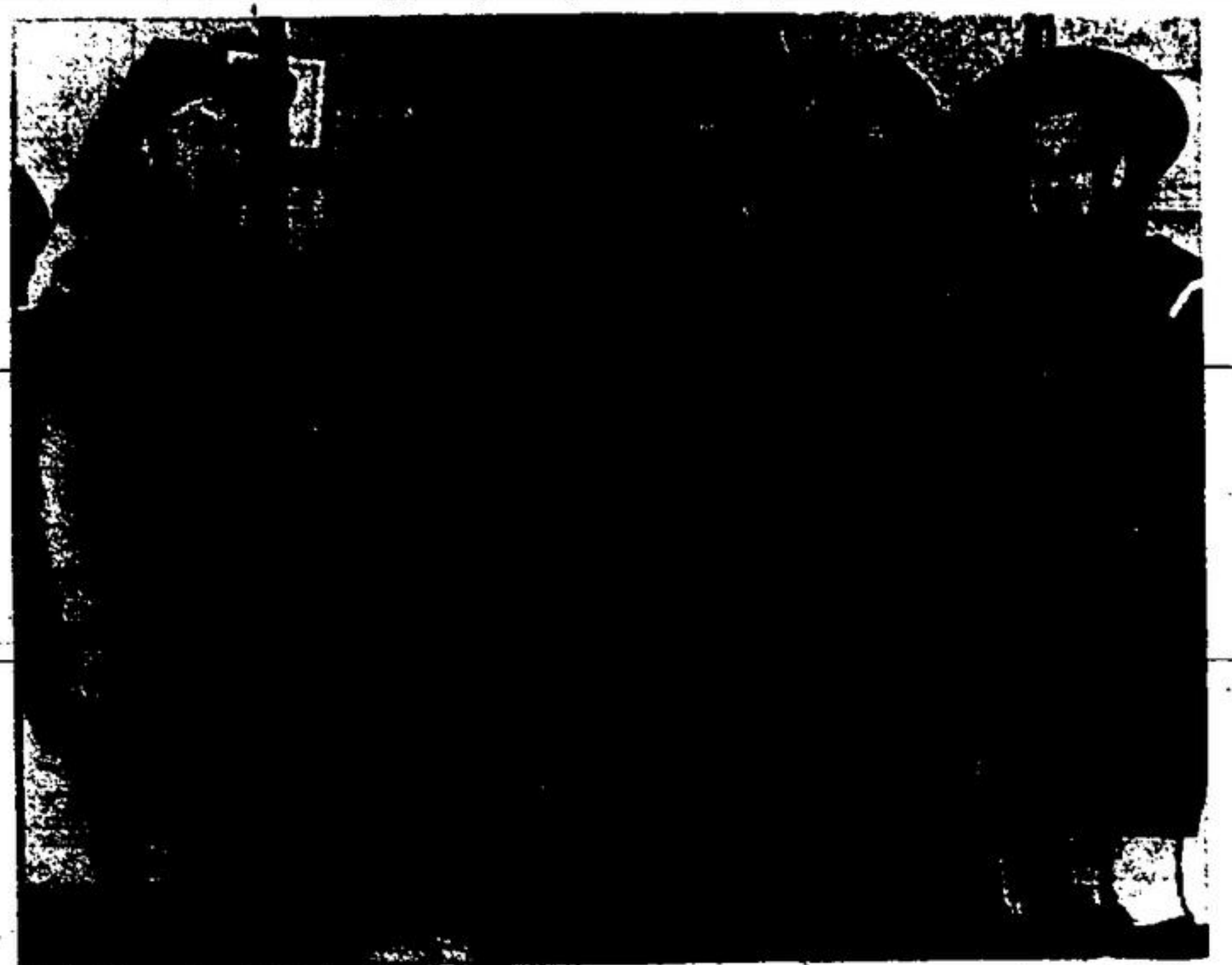
### Sunday Fire

A flooded space heater at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Vandley, 11 Willow Street, resulted in the couple calling firemen when they believed it might rage out of control.

When firemen arrived at the scene they allowed the excess oil to burn itself out before returning to the firehall.

### Limehouse Residents Seek Canadian Papers

Three applicants from Limehouse will ask for Canadian citizenship certificates before Judge Wilford Cory next Thursday afternoon at the Millon Court House. They are Mrs. Lane Jansen, Jan Van Der Meer and Mrs. Betty Van Der Meer.



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**QUEEN'S SCOUT CERTIFICATES** were awarded to six Acton Rover Scouts during a colorful ceremony on Friday night at Stoney Creek. The scouts receiving the award were trained by former scoutmaster Hartley Coles and the boys credit him for their achievement. Pictured above kneeling are left to right Ricky Currie and Brian Otterbein. Centre is Bob Hinton. Back row left to right are Rover Skipper Ron Smith, Laurence Dobby, Dale Newton, Ken Gardner and scoutmaster Coles.

## Largest Group Ever Receives Queen's Scout Certificates

Six Queen's Scouts from the First Acton Rover Troop, accompanied by their scoutmaster, headed a colorful parade involving 110 uniformed Queen's Scouts from 65 troops in the Green Acres Region at the third Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremony held at Saultick High School, Stoney Creek Friday.

With scoutmaster Hartley Coles, local Queen's Scouts, Laur O'Brien, Peter Newton, Brian Otterbein, Ricky Currie, Kenneth Gardner and Robert Hinton proudly led all the Queen's Scouts awaiting their official certificates past the official party on the platform in the school auditorium.

**First on Platform**  
Scoutmaster Coles was the first leader to be greeted by Frank A. Worth Provincial Commissioner for Ontario, who presented the certificates.

The Acton troop not only had the honor of leading the entire group into the auditorium but had the distinction of having more scouts present to receive certificates than any other troop. And the area includes such large centres as Brantford, Burlington, Galt, Guelph and Hamilton.

Chairman of the program which was attended by a large number of parents and friends from Acton was Lieutenant Colonel Hugh J. Heasley, DSO, V.D., Regional Commissioner for the Green Acres Region.

### Like Citizenship

Following the impressive ceremony in which 110 scouts received their certificates, Ramon S. Hall, B.A., representative from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, addressed the large gathering, comparing scouting and citizenship.

His topic held the attention of all scouts as well as parents and his inspiring message was both timely and meaningful.

Glenn Barr, formerly a Queen's Scout with the First Acton A Troop was unable to attend the presentation but will receive his certificate with his new troop in Toronto.

Never before has Acton sent so many scouts to the annual ceremony of presentation of certificates. Altogether seven lads earned the high award under their former scoutmaster, Mr. Coles. The six still in town all graduated to the Rover Crew and spark that active group.

## Board Learns 78% Pass Easter Exams Expresses Concern Over Soaring Costs

Setting 50 per cent as a passing mark the management committee told Acton high school board 206 of the 264 pupils at Acton High School passed in the Easter tests and examinations.

The report was compiled by the management committee from figures supplied by the principal. Ted Force pointed out these figures did not support the street rumors of failures and poor marks in Easter examinations.

Principal Hansen informed board members he was considering not allowing some grade 13 students to write the June departmental examinations. These students as a result of their lack of interest attendance and application would only be able to write these examinations as private study candidates, he said.

### Loss 61 Years' Experience

Mr. Hansen in his monthly report to the board advised members that Mrs. D. A. Smith had resigned from the staff to take a position in Guelph. Michael Beyan had been hired to fill the vacancy.

He pointed out that the teachers resigning from the staff this year had a total of 61 years'

teaching experience. The teachers lined have a total of one year's experience.

Mr. Hansen felt that the salary schedule in classes three and four was the reason more experienced teachers had not applied.

### 34 Applications

Advertising at a cost of \$169.50 in the Globe and Mail had produced a return of 34 applications. 24 of the replies were from un-certified teachers prepared to take a summer course. 10 were from teachers of varying experience. Of the 10 teachers, two were left to be submitted.

Mr. Hansen informed the board Acton high school with 24 students competing had placed 101 out of 275 Ontario schools in a contest sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America and the Society of Actuaries.

The secretary reported receipt of non-resident fees of \$230.85 from Erin District and the dis-patch of \$1,505.50 fees to Guelph board. Non-resident fees from Oakville District Board had not been received.

Board members passed a resolution to set policy on their accu-

mulative sick leave plan. Under this policy the board will pay to any retiring teacher a gratuity of his or her sick days multiplied by 100 or her daily teaching rate up to his or hers. The secretary was to advise the staff of this policy.

Accounts totaling \$11,016.49 were approved for payment.

### No Pay for Board

Board members decided they would not accept payment for attendance at board meetings. However rural trustees will be paid mileage to and from regular board meetings. Trustee Duncan Moffat of Nassagaweya summed up the opinion of members by saying "I would like to feel I had done something, the expense of running the high school is enough without us being paid."

Trustee Bill Coon, chairman of the property committee, submitted two accounts approved by the architect for payment. The accounts were for the repair of a leaky steam pipe and the change of gas lines from screw joint fittings in the laboratory to welded joints.

### Turn Down Account

A third account for aluminum

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