

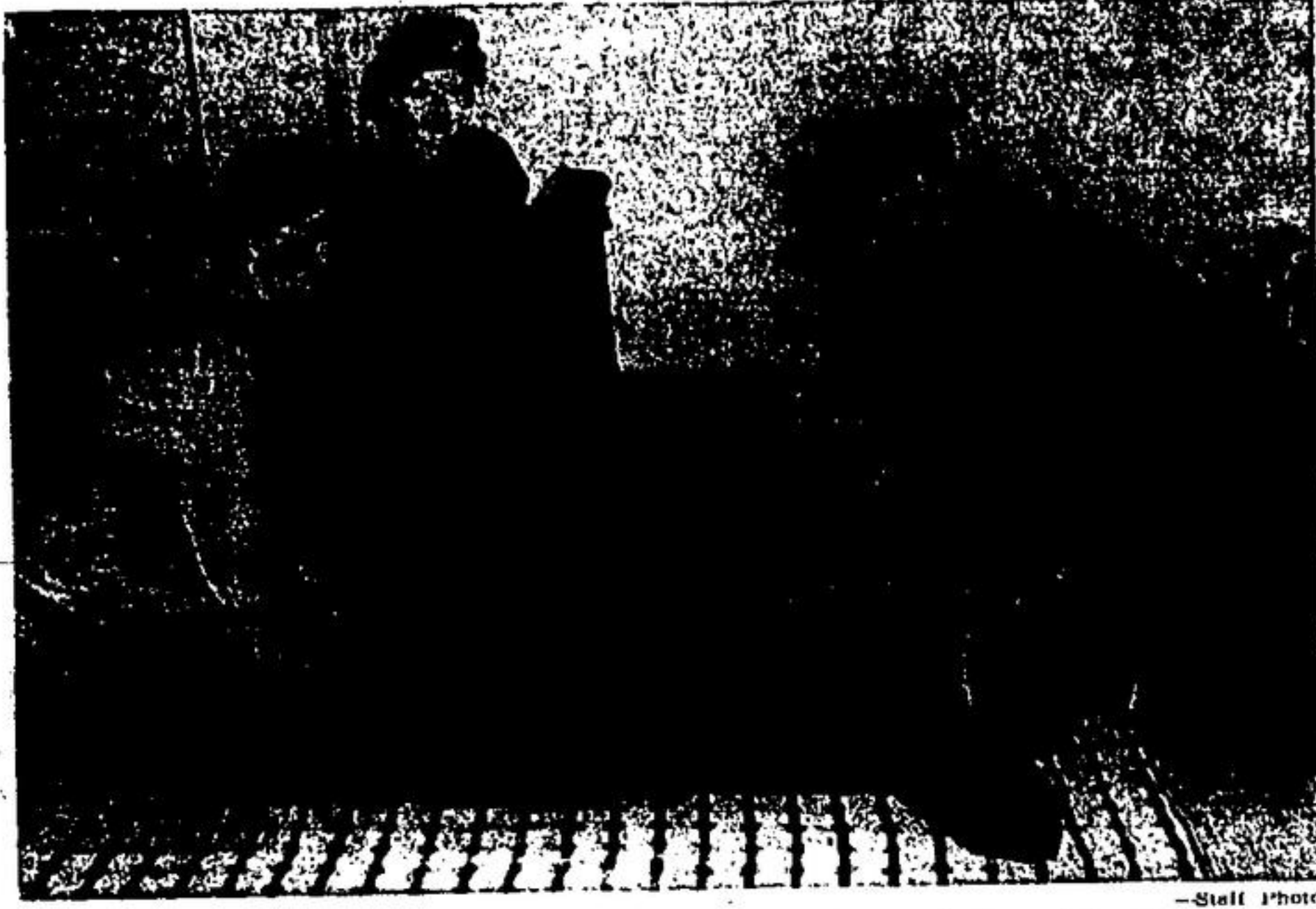
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ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION will be taught by the Acton St. John Ambulance Brigade next week during "Save a Life Week" and anyone interested in taking a brief course may attend classes at the Robert Little school auditorium, next Tuesday or Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m. Pictured above, members of the brigade demonstrate the Holger-Neilsen method of one person applying artificial respiration to two casualties. Shown are R. S. Hart, divisional superintendent; as he demonstrates with Morris Gordon and George Hargrave. Mrs. G. Hargrave and Mrs. E. Heffernan stand by to assist.

## Father of Seven, Grandfather of 30 78-Year-Old Hollander Visits Sons

A 78-year-old Hollander, Rienk Vliestra, father of seven and grandfather of 30 youngsters, arrived here Monday evening after a 10-day voyage on the Ryndam, a Holland-American liner, to visit his two sons and their families. The Hollander saw his sons John and Sietste for the first time in nearly 10 years, when they met him at the Union Station, Toronto. The ship docked at Montreal. They moved with their families to Canada 10 years ago.

**Former Skipper**  
A former businessman and skipper on a ship, Mr. Vliestra is very much impressed by the vastness of Canada after leaving crowded conditions in his homeland.

He was the oldest traveller on the ship and impressed the others with his knowledge of ships and his energy as he joined them enthusiastically in all activities.

A prize possession he acquired while on board is a small doll which he won in a speaking contest on the 10-day trip.

**Learned Fast**  
Although he speaks little English, the competent sailor was no time in finding out while on board what the signs "Men" and "Women" meant and tells a little joke of his experience with the two words.

His first impression of Canada was the similarity of it to Holland with regard to the steady rains! This impression was soon corrected by his sons who told him the present weather is abnormal here.

**Two Homes Here**  
While in Canada, Mr. Vliestra will be staying with both sons. Presently he is living with Sietste on R.R. 1, but has already been travelling over to John's home on R.R. 3. He doesn't know yet when he'll go back home to Holland.

Disappointed because his luggage has not been located since he arrived, the bright-eyed, active gentleman is patiently waiting to

do out presents brought from his homeland.

Through his daughter-in-law acting as interpreter Mr. Vliestra said, "Words cannot express the thrill I enjoyed during the trip to Canada." Since his arrival he has found himself the subject for both TV and press interviews.

His daughters living in Holland are Griet, Oeke, Akke, Benske and Wilhelmina, with whom he lives. He is a widower. In Holland he has 19 grandchildren and in Canada he has 11 grandchildren.

Some of the grandchildren in Canada saw their grandfather for the first time when he arrived Monday night.

Grandchildren in Acton in John Vliestra's family are Rienk, Bob, John Jr., Ralph and Otte. The children of Sietste Vliestra are Reinck, Winnie, Albert, John, Joanne and Peter.

A celebration for the entire family in Canada is being planned for a later date.

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The lacrosse picture was taken in front of the Acton grandstand when it stood on the property presently owned by Mrs. K. Mackenzie, Lake Avenue.

Some of the players recognized in this picture include Fred Ryder, Ed Ryder, F. McIntosh, Bill Gurney and Bud Williams. It was Acton's first lacrosse team formed back in 1897.

Eddie Ryder, the last known survivor of the two teams, also this week received the championship cup presented to the Acton hockey team mentioned above. The cup had been made into a lamp and is in good condition.

Mr. Ryder also received a picture of the Halton baseball champions who won the Lupton Cup in 1902, a picture of the lacrosse team who won the championship in 1899 and a picture of the Acton hall club who played in the old Canadian League.

In the latter picture persons recognized include F. McIntosh, E. Ryder, Neil McNabb and bat boy "Bunk" Holmes.

Mr. Ryder in his own collection has several pictures and medals won by him in his early sports days.

**Gold Tulips**  
The Girl Guides are reminded of Guiding's 50th anniversary every day when they arrive at school. Bulbs they planted last fall are coming out, pure gold for the golden anniversary.

## Hardtop Lakeview, Mowbray, Churchill Roads If \$12,190.77 Supplementary Grant Approved

Acton council proposes to provide a hardtop surface on roads in Lakeview, Mowbray Place in Glenlea and Churchill Road North, providing their request to the Department of Highways for a supplementary grant amounting to \$12,190.77 is approved.

During Tuesday night's meeting council approved a by-law requesting the supplementary grant.

The work scheduled in these areas will include grading, graveling and laying of oil to provide the hardtop surface.

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Milton's Mayor Sid Childs told the Urban Board that Councillor Norman Pearce, Milton, has contacted the Department of Planning and Development in an endeavour to form a sub-regional planning board. Further advice on this matter would be forthcoming, he said.

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Work on the new United church has been held up since contractors are waiting for roof trusses. Construction of the new building is expected to start in the near future.

Mick Holmes, manager of the Acton division of J. B. Mackenzie and Son, reported this week the trusses are expected this week and workmen would then be on the job immediately.

**Posture King, Queen Crowned at School**  
Two high school students, Gloria Latimer and Alan Hayward, reigned as King and Queen for a short time at Acton high school on Thursday, May 5, when they were chosen from the student body as having the best posture throughout the day.

In observance of Posture Week across Canada, members of the Girls' Athletic Society held a contest throughout the day and the winners were crowned during a dance which started at 4 p.m.

**Close Watch**  
An eagle eye was kept on all students during the regular class day and points for slouching, not walking erect or not maintaining good posture generally, were deducted from each offender's score.

During the crowning ceremonies Moira McKelvey, representing the athletic association, placed the crowns on Gloria and Alan.

Assisting the girls with their judging throughout the day were Mrs. J. Galloway and Mrs. D. A. Smith, staff advisers.

Following the brief ceremony, the students danced to the music

the owners of stray dogs that he picks up \$5 and \$1 a day for board. It was mentioned that Acton expects to sign a similar agreement with Mr. Robertson for 1960 dog control.

Georgetown members said they felt the Oakville Humane Society was not giving proper dog control and the charges were too high for the service they were getting.

**No Objections**  
Milton's Mayor Childs said council did not oppose the discontinuance of C.N.R. passenger service through Milton and a letter was sent to the Board of Transport Commissioners, advising them of this. Georgetown members said they are opposing it.

**Postponed**  
The stump pulling bee scheduled for Fairy Lake this Saturday has been postponed until May 28, parks board chairman R. R. Parker reported Tuesday.

Mr. Parker noted that wet weather prohibits holding the bee on Saturday and volunteers will be welcomed on Saturday, May 28, for this project.

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District Governor George Laughlin outlined the formation of the Lions Club 43 years ago and stressed the motivation for its formation was the desire to do something for someone else, when he addressed nearly 200 Lions and guests during the Charter Night of the Acton club in the Legion auditorium Friday night.

The Acton club, formed in January of this year, received its official charter and many gifts during the special night, when officials and representatives from other clubs were present to offer congratulations.

The local club members were also urged to engage in creative activity and to follow the pattern of other clubs, and to emphasize strength in their leadership in the community.

**Receive Telegrams**  
International president C. Sturm of Chicago wired his congratulations to the newly formed club and a telegram brought a message of best wishes from P. Hemming of the Hamilton Central District.

Unable to attend the charter night because of a family bereavement, Mayor John Goy sent greetings in a letter, congratulating the club on their achievement and offering council's blessings in their future community projects.

**Addressed Ladies**  
Directing his remarks to the ladies, District Governor George Laughlin urged them to take an interest in Lionism as he remarked "Women mean so much to the success of Lionism as their tolerance and interest play a very important part in the success of a club."

He urged the ladies to bear with their husbands when they were busy on community projects and

attending meetings as he outlined the time and effort spent by members on various activities.

The District Governor sketched a brief history of the activities of the club since its formation in 1917. He told the guests that Lionism was born due to a desire by Melville Jones, a Chicago businessman, to do something for someone else.

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