

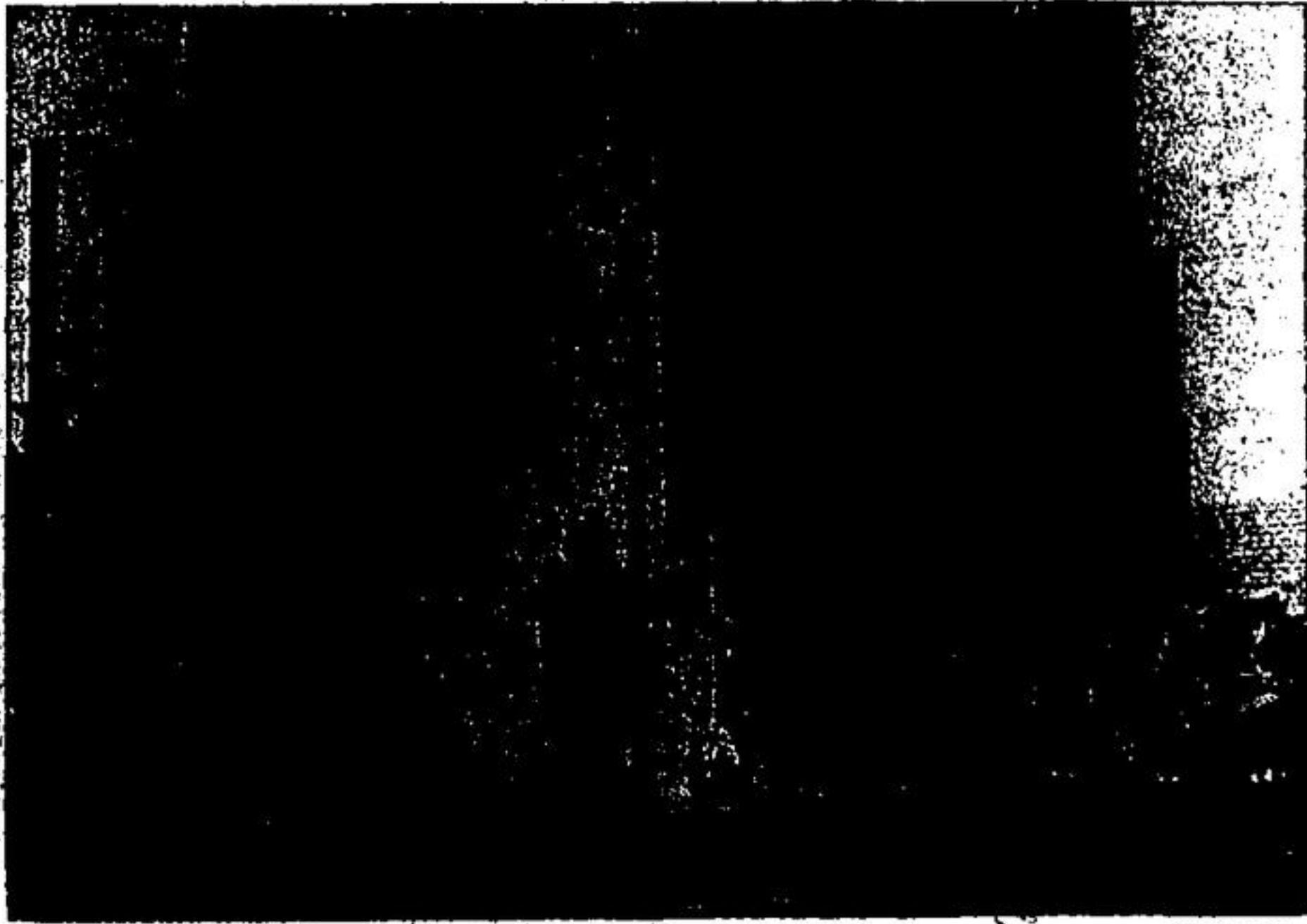
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WILFRED COLES, Boer War veteran, was present at the Decoration Day service Sunday to raise and lower the flag at the cenotaph during the Last Post and Reveille. Mr. Coles has been handling this chore for the past six years and has never missed a parade. The guard of honor and Guelph Sea Cadet band can be seen in the background as well as members of the Guelph Pipe Band. Other bands in the parade were Acton Citizens' Band, Acton Junior Pipe Band and the Lorne Scots Regimental Band.

Amos Mason Funeral Held Today Was Leading Citizen, Industrialist

One of Acton's leading citizens, Amos Mason passed away quietly at Guelph General Hospital Tuesday morning. He leaves an enviable record of service as a community leader, industrialist and outstanding citizen.

For 40 years Mr. Mason has been a civic and community leader in Acton. His record of service covers almost every organization and his leadership has been directed towards every worthwhile community enterprise.

Born at Lisgar in Peel County 79 years ago, Mr. Mason moved to Acton with his parents William Mason and Isabel Switzer when he was 13.

From Acton, Mr. Mason went to Meadowville where he worked in a general store. After a few years he moved to Alton to work.

Married in 1908
While living in Alton he met his wife, the former Cordelia Algie, and the two were married June 1, 1908.

It was in 1920 Amos Mason returned to Acton with some used machinery to open Mason Knitting Company and his hard work and keen business mind were responsible for the success of the company.

Shortly after taking up permanent residence in Acton, he began his community service work and by 1922 was leading Acton Citizens' Band. His ability and interest soon developed a top-notch organization.

Impressive Service
His service to the community was impressive and up until the time of his death he was active in assisting worthwhile projects.

He took a keen interest in the Rotary Club and the Crippled Children's Campaign. He was the charter president of the latter. Mr. Mason served on the public school board and later on municipal council as councillor, then



AMOS MASON

raising minstrel show, and also served as Halton chairman of the Canadian Red Cross and for Victory Loan campaigns.

Citizen of Year
Grateful for the service rendered, the municipal council named a street in Warren Grove after Mr. Mason and in this manner the name will be continued.

In 1958 the Acton Chamber of Commerce recognized the com-

munity service of Mr. Mason and named him "Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year."

Many kind acts of Mr. Mason will be known only to a few and his silent and sincere actions will always be remembered by those concerned.

In the past few years, he has retired from the business and his son George has assumed its operation.

Home a Beauty Spot
Even in his retirement Mr. Mason was an active man and his home on Bower Avenue is a beauty spot with plants and shrubs covering the grounds. Two years ago he installed a conservatory on the front of his home and took great pride in raising special plants and flowers.

Fellow Rotarians often joined him in a game of shuffleboard on the courts he had installed in his garden and many leisure hours were spent playing there.

Mr. Mason will be sadly missed by his wife and son George as well as four grandchildren, Richard, Frank, Judith and Jane.

Of his seven brothers and sisters Charles Mason of Acton is the only survivor. He was predeceased by Bert, Frank, Lottie, Hazel, Maude (Mrs. F. McIntosh) and Ida (Mrs. J. Agnew).

Funeral Today
The funeral service was held today (Thursday) from the Rumble Shoemaker Funeral Home conducted by his good friend and neighbor the Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

As well as the large attendance of friends and neighbors, Rotary Club members attended as a group.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Waldo Dorington, Charles Kirkness, Ray Agnew, Richard Mason, Frank Mason and Arthur Gamble.

Closer Liaison Between Three Schools Recommended During Board Meeting

The perennial problem of closer liaison between high and public schools in Acton was given another airing Tuesday at the regular meeting of public school trustees. Discussion ran the gamut from a proposal that one Board of Education be established to methods of preparing students for their elevation from elementary to the secondary school level.

Chairman Murray Smith outlined steps taken to arrange a meeting with the high school board chairman but pointed out no definite date had been set.

Request Meeting
Trustees felt more action was needed and instructed secretary W. Middleton to write the high school board requesting a July meeting between the respective bodies.

"Let's keep hammering away at it," said trustee Cliff Bradley. Members were unanimous in their dissatisfaction with the present system which often saw students repeating assignments in grade nine in which they had become proficient in public school. They urged a closer look into the problem which was first presented by principal G. McKenzie at an earlier meeting in the form of a plea for some way to "bridge the gap."

"Anything we can do to facilitate education we shouldn't

hesitate to do," remarked trustee Tom Watson.

The board unanimously passed a motion sponsored by trustee Tom Watson that recognition be accorded the Acton Public School Teachers' Association. Recognition was withheld at the last meeting pending further information on the association.

Property Committee
Ernie Marks was complimented on a "job well done" when he reported most of the landscaping, paving and clean-up had been completed at the two schools.

Shares \$1,000 For Good Guess
Test Mousse, 194 McDonald Boulevard is refusing at his windfall of \$333.33 1/3. He shares \$1,000 with two other winners in a Toronto Star contest.

Contestants were asked to guess the exact temperature and humidity for Saturday, May 28, and Mr. Mousse and the other two people guessed correctly.

The Acton winner guessed the temperature at 70 and humidity at 83. He was happy about the win as he has lost considerable time at work.

The board approved continuation of educational tours for grades seven and eight. Students will visit the O.A.C. in Guelph and the Museum in Toronto as part of the program.

Honest Mistake
Final payment on the new addition to the Robert Little school was withheld until a special meeting decided whether consideration should be given to an "honest mistake" in the contractor's specifications. Trustee Cliff Bradley remarked he would like to go all through the school before final payment is made.

A letter from the firm of Hamilton tree surgeons engaged to trim trees at the Robert Little school disclosed they would wait until children were all out of school before commencing work.

The board accepted the resignation of crossing guard Mrs. Laura McEachern with regret and instructed the secretary to advertise the position.

Press representatives were asked to withdraw while the inspectors' report was read. They were assured it was an excellent report.

Chairman Murray Smith presided at the last regular meeting before the fall term with trustees W. Wolfe, E. Marks, D. Manning, T. Watson and C. Bradley in attendance.

Nassagaweya Gives Okay For Sixth Line Quarry

By next fall, a new stone quarry rumored to be larger than the recently opened Halton Crushed Stone on Nassagaweya's Sixth Line, will be springing up next door to Halton Crushed Stone.

Nassagaweya council granted a licence to the yet-unnamed company at their June meeting last week. The quarry will take form on a present bushlot in Lots 9 and 10 in Concession 6 and parts of Lots 9 and 10 in Concession 5. The licence was granted to company representative Otto Frederick Prince Zu Isenberg.

Council also granted a licence to the Halton Crushed Stone company which have been in operation for just over one year. (Recent legislation permits the township to licence all pits and quarries.)

Tenders were called by council for the supply of one new township truck and a snowplow.

A by-law increased the minimum tax of \$6, regardless of assessment. The clerk Don McMillan pointed out recent legislation had increased the minimum.

A road superintendent's voucher for \$3,252.66 was approved, and accounts for \$1,665.02 (including a mathematical calculator) were also approved for payment.

Township Queries School Rates Studies Variance in Districts

Esquaging councillors queried as much as 4 1/2 mills difference between the Acton, Georgetown and Milton high school levies for the township, at their Monday meeting, and wondered why one general levy couldn't cover all three schools.

With the present three-board setup, ratemakers pay various rates depending on whether their property is in the district served by one board. Councillors suggested the local inspector might give them some information, on the possibility of one overall high

school setup. (This year, the North Halton Urban Board split into three separate boards when Georgetown members complained the large body was unwieldy.)

Acton high school levy for township ratemakers this year is \$25 mills, while Georgetown's is \$29 and Milton's rate is 4.70 mills.

The building inspector reported a good month in permit issues, with new construction valued at \$169,600 during May.

A discussion on trailer tax collection was also held.

Four in Car Pinned Behind Steering Wheel Acton Youth Escapes Injury

William Churchill, 68 Church Street, Acton, was pinned against the steering wheel of his car and three other youths received minor injuries when the car they were riding in, skidded on loose gravel, crashed into a bridge, knocked down a tree and wound up tottering on the creek bank, with only a guy cable holding it, Saturday night near Norval.

The Churchill youth was found uninjured but was not able to be freed until a tow truck had pulled the vehicle back on the road. The other three passengers, Wayne Wilson and Hank Uiterwyk, both of Acton, and William McCoy, of Toronto, jumped from the car soon after it had struck the bridge.

The McCoy youth was taken to Peel Memorial hospital in Brampton for treatment on a cut forehead. Hank Uiterwyk received treatment for a cut eye at an Acton doctor's office. North Halton O.P.P. officers Ray Andrew and Allan Miles aided the injured at the scene of the accident and constable Andrew investigated.

Police report \$600 damage was caused to the car.

Ship Ahoy Teachers, Students to Join R.C.N. on Day - Long Cruise

An interesting trip will be taken by principal E. A. Hansen of Acton High School, staff member T. Campbell and students Jim Ironside and Brian Barbeau this Saturday when they join with the Royal Canadian Navy in cruising Lake Ontario in one of the most up-to-date submarines.

The teachers and students will be guests of the navy during the 50th anniversary celebrations. They will set sail from H.M.C.S. Star, Hamilton, at 1 p.m. and return at 5 p.m.

They will travel on either the "Chaudiere" or the "Columbia", both ultra modern escort ships built to deal with enemy submarines.

Erin Township Purchases Land For Future Municipal Building

Approval was given Tuesday, May 31, by Erin township council for purchase of land from H. J. Awey, to be used for the site of the proposed municipal building.

Council instructed the clerk to issue a cheque amounting to \$1,000 in payment of the land.

Council gave the nod of approval for purchase of an Adams motor grader with snow plow and wing attachment at a cost of \$24,293. It was agreed to petition the O.M.B. for approval of this purchase. It was noted \$12,293 had already been paid on the purchase price.

It was agreed to pay half the cost of erecting a fence and two gates to K. C. Nevill's, Orton.

New Fine Sand For Swimmers

Bathers at Fairy Lake this summer will be able to sunbathe in solid comfort as they sink in fine white sand laid at the swimming pool.

On Saturday 40 tons of limestone and 80 tons of white sand were dumped at the site. Caretaker Herb Fryer spent a busy day raking and shovelling to level the sand.

Parks Board decided last year to have the bathing area skinned of all grass and a proper beach made.

Mr. Fryer has been busy cutting grass and working in the park getting it in readiness for the summer patrons.

Large Crowd Attends Service Decorate Graves, Honor Dead

Acton's three cemeteries were beautifully decorated with flowers, plants and shrubs, with freshly cut grass adding to their attractive appearance, when the annual Decoration Day Service was held Sunday. Graves in Dublin, Pioneer and Fairview cemeteries were decorated in remembrance of loved ones passed away.

Five bands, representatives of local organizations, firemen, scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, legionnaires and many others marched from the C.N.R. station to the cenotaph where a brief service was held, and then proceeded to Fairview cemetery, where Rev. G. A. B. Moore, United church minister from Rockwood, gave the address.

Lengthy Parade
The lengthy procession, led by parade marshal Vic Patrick, was headed by Acton Citizens' Band and marching to the music were Acton council members, Stan Hall, M.P.P. for Halton, Acton Fire Department and L.O. L. Local 467.

Guelph Sea Cadet Band, flanked by their color party, marched 160 to the parade route. The crowd-lined streets in their smart navy blue uniforms.

The Lorne Scots Regimental Band which came next was much admired in their killed uniforms, complete with bushies. Following the band were Acton Legionnaires and visiting branches.

Acton Junior Pipe Band led the fourth division and piped the scouts, guides, brownies and cubs along the parade route.

The last and final section, led by the Guelph Pipe Band, consisted of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Acton and District W.I. members and representatives of the Lakeside and Duke of Devonshire chapters I.O.D.E.

Cenotaph Service
On arrival at the cenotaph, the color party formed in front of the parade and the Legion Charge was read by president Max Stoen. Flanking of the Legion wreath in remembrance of fallen comrades was done by Mel Jordan. Names of the fallen dead were read by John McHugh.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie led the gathering in prayer and Charles

Landsborough sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

The parade left the cenotaph and marched to Fairview cemetery, where a large crowd gathered. They heard an inspiring address by Rev. Moore of Rockwood and after the short service of worship, graves were decorated.

Welcome from Council
Words of welcome were expressed by Mayor John Guy on behalf of council. He told his audience Decoration Day was one day the community as a whole gathered to remember the sacrifices made by those killed during the wars and the memories and wisdom handed down by loved ones who have passed away.

"The Decoration Day Service in Acton has to all of us a special meaning," he concluded. The mayor thanked all the organizations taking an active part in the service and expressed a special thanks to the committee in charge.

Scripture and prayer were given by the Rev. R. A. Brook. Introduction of the guest speaker was made by Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

Finance chairman E. S. Force introduced a proposed schedule of scholarships to be given by the board and it was decided to have each member review this prior to the next meeting when a possible decision would be made.

Mr. Force also told members there were many university scholarships and government bursaries available to all students graduating from grade 13. He suggested a list be procured and published in the school's Year Book.

Principal E. A. Hansen and secretary W. Middleton were appointed to visit the Department of Education in Toronto in order to secure a list.

Receive Resignation
The board received the resignation of staff member D. Bothwell. He is taking a position in North Bay next year. In his resignation, Mr. Bothwell expressed regret at leaving Acton and thanked the board for their kind consideration during his stay here.

Permission was given for the purchase of gym clothing for the girls for use during physical education classes.

A building change order providing for installation of indoor thresholds in the new section was approved. The secretary was instructed to issue a cheque amounting to \$106.25.

Accounts were approved for payment amounting to \$8,490.58.

Honor Grade 13 High School Students During Graduation Banquet in Gym

F. A. Hamilton, Director of Education, Guelph, spoke firmly and frankly to the graduating class of Acton High School during their banquet in the high school auditorium Friday evening and outlined the course of study they should follow during their university careers.

The grade 13 students learned that attending university would not be "a bowl of cherries," the going would be tough and only by applying themselves could they hope to achieve their goal.

He reminded the 16 students they would be stepping out of the protective atmosphere of high school into a rugged and tough term at university in which they would be very much on their own.

Mr. Hamilton noted no one cared whether they did their homework at university or not and they would have to organize their own time of study.

Alarming Figures
Warning them he was not present to mollify them, the speaker stressed that next year one out of every three university students would fail as 33 per cent were washed out in their freshman year.

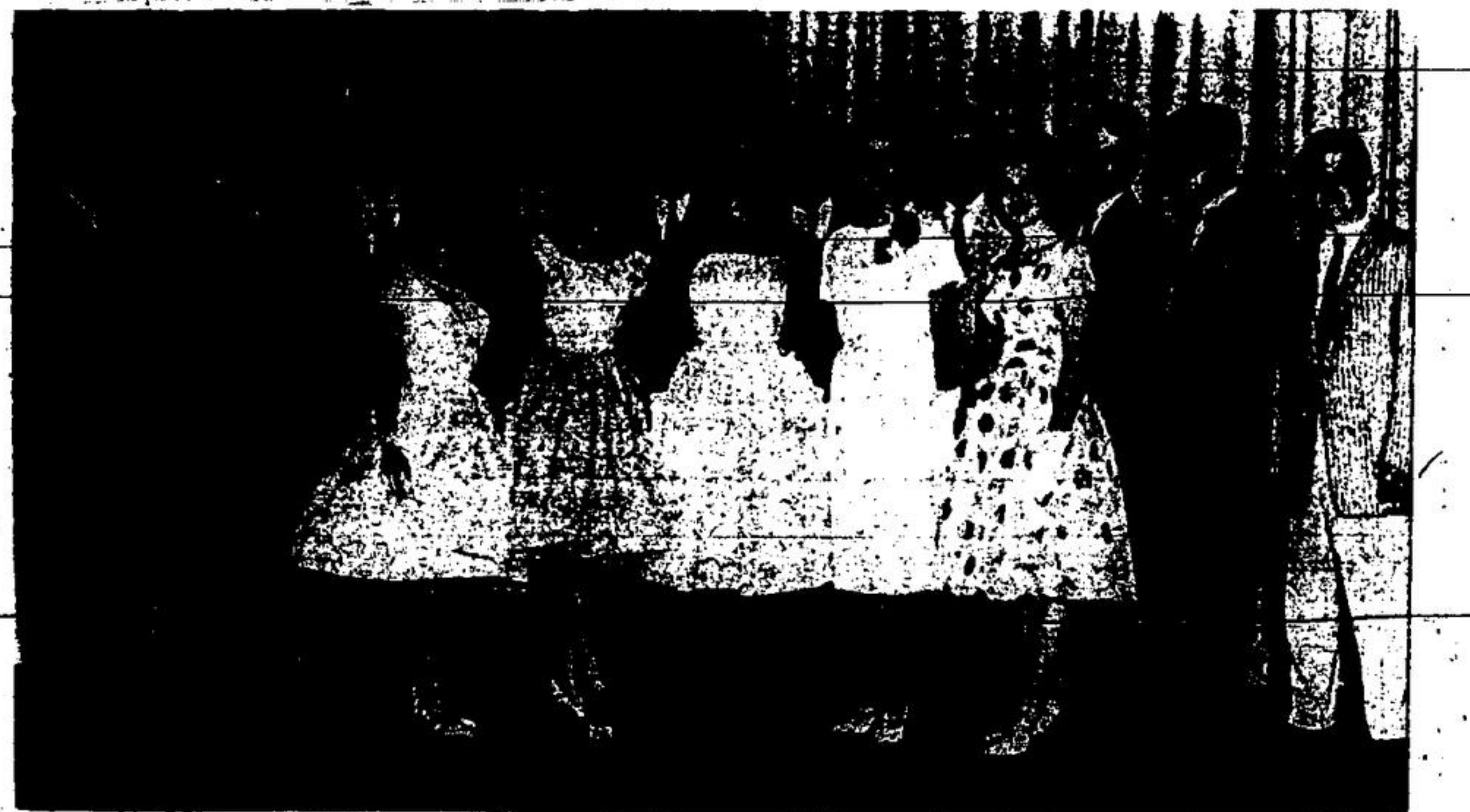
Mr. Hamilton praised the students as he told them they were presently "top dog" at their school but warned them they would be the "scum of the earth" when they entered university, once again at the bottom of the ladder.

He told them how the high school teachers had given them supervision and assistance when needed and warned the students next year they would not receive this treatment. "Are you ready for this?" he asked.

Potential Only
The grade 13 class learned that university professors were not interested in them personally but only in their potential.

"If you don't organize yourselves, you are in for a great expensive disappointment when you find yourself a failure at university," the speaker emphasized.

The students learned that memorizing their way through university wasn't enough as the



GRADE 13 CLASS held their graduation banquet at the high school last Friday and heard an interesting but frank, informative talk from F. A. Hamilton, director of education, Guelph. The members of the class are pictured above. Front row, left to right, are Grace Clow, Lynda Lovell, Ella Jany, Louise Wesowicz and Mary Lou Creighton; back row, left to right, Mike Hurst, Jim Swackhamer, Laurence Duby, Wayne Ridley, Brian Gervais, Frank Mariscak, Bruce Macpherson, Ken Gardner, Mike Homer and Bill Johnstone. Missing when pictured was taken was Don Brown.