

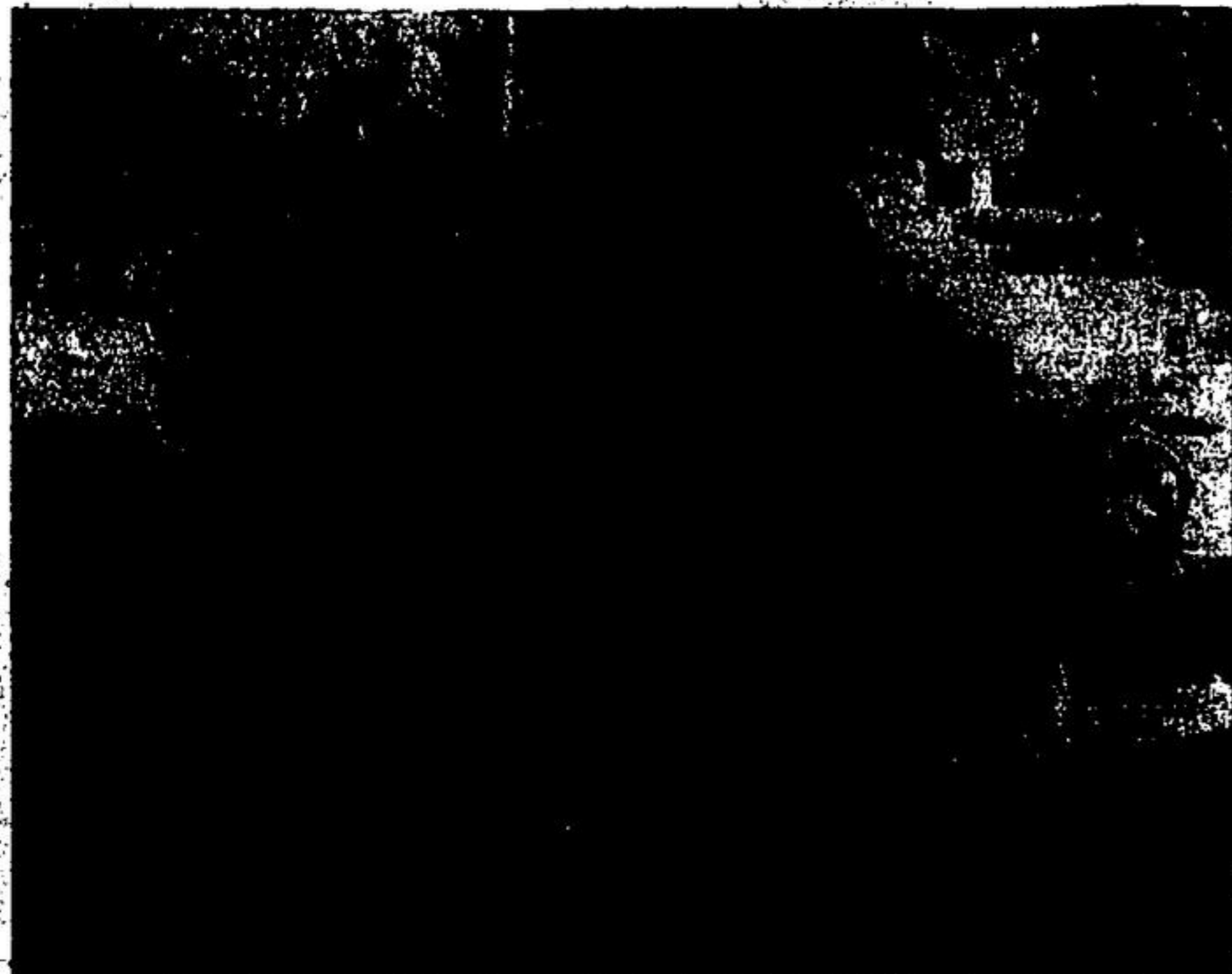
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**A TOTAL WRECK**, a stolen car pictured above crashed into a parked vehicle in front of the Station Hotel Tuesday afternoon driving it ahead into another car. The first car struck was damaged to the extent of an estimated \$1,000, while the third vehicle received slight damage. Police scoured the area for the driver, a 16-year-old Kitchener youth, to no avail. A passenger in the stolen car received four stitches for a cut above the left eye. He told police he was unaware the car was stolen.

## Youth Wrecks Stolen Car, Flees Town Leaving Bewildered Injured Passenger

A widespread search throughout the Acton area Tuesday afternoon failed to locate the driver of a stolen automobile which crashed into a parked car, driving it ahead into the rear of one in front.

A 1953 model car, stolen in St. Jacobs earlier in the week, was proceeding west on Main Street at the Station Hotel when it struck the left rear bumper of a parked car forcing it into a vehicle ahead and over the curb onto the sidewalk.

The driver of the stolen automobile, a 16-year-old Kitchener youth, alighted from the car and told bystanders he would go for the police. His companion, suffering shock from a cut on the head, remained in the car.

**Missing Driver**

When the passenger regained his senses he went in search of his friend but found nobody at the police station.

Returning to the scene of the accident he was picked up by Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton OPP who after inspecting the cars, was hunting the youths.

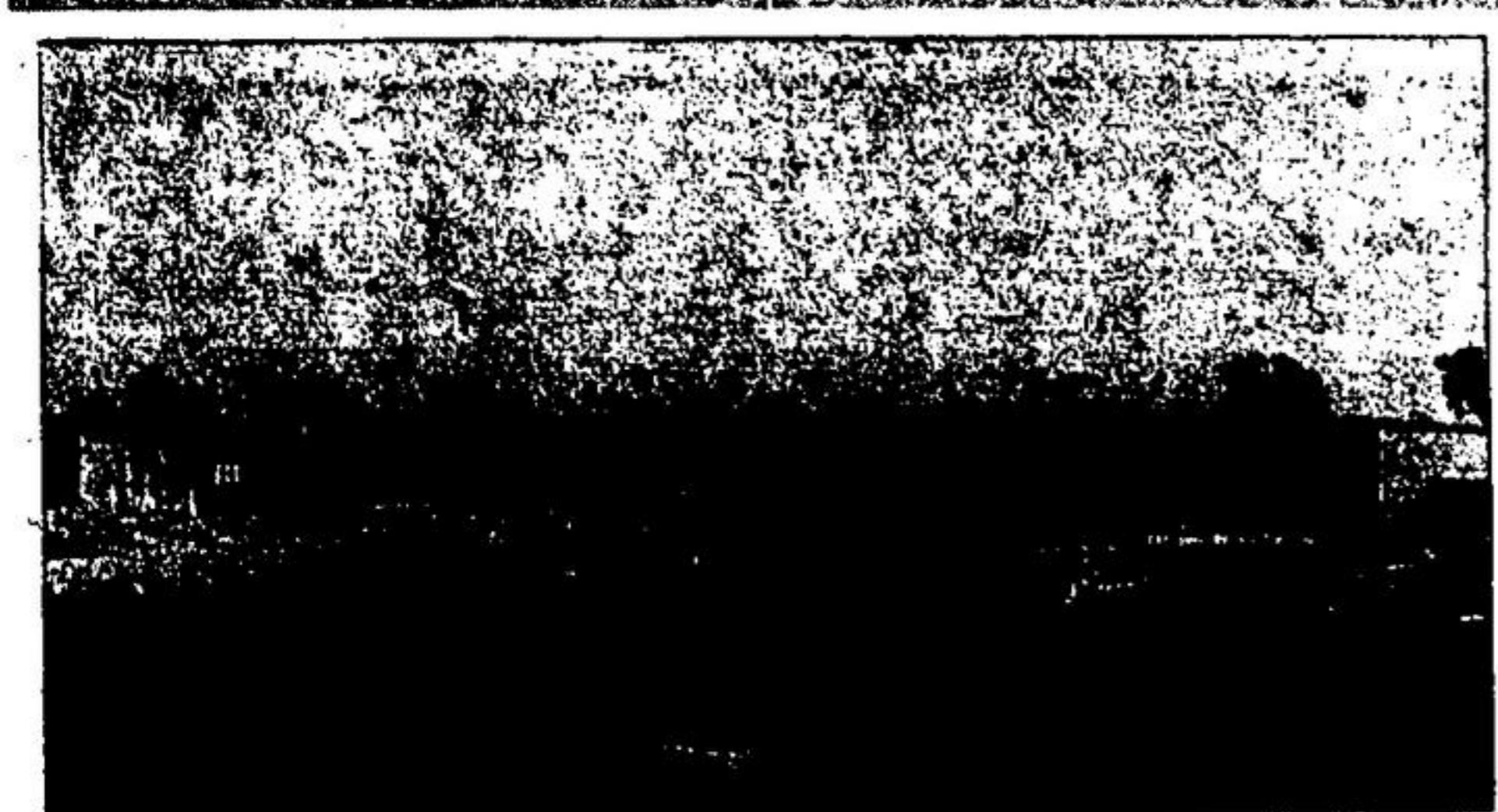
Corp. Mason promptly checked the police log book and found the car was reported stolen in St. Jacobs. He immediately began a search of the town for the missing driver.

When a quick search failed to locate him a call was put in to other detachments to assist in the hunt.

Meanwhile the passenger in the stolen car, 18-year-old Roy Kimble of Kitchener, was taken to Dr. W. G. Kenney's where he received four stitches above his right eye to close the wound received in the crash.

The Kimble youth told the corporal he had no idea the car was stolen and said his friend had asked him to accompany him to the exhibition in Toronto.

The stolen car was towed away a complete wreck. The car it crashed into received an estimated \$1,000 damage while slight damage to the third vehicle was not estimated by police.



**BROOKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL**, Nassagaweya Township's new consolidated school, will not be opening on Tuesday of next week as construction has been delayed. The contractors have told the school board the building may be ready for occupation in three weeks' time — around September 26. Although major outdoor work has been completed, the inside of the school is only partly finished. Meanwhile, 285 students who would have attended this school next week will begin classes in the rural one-room schools in their area.

## Ratepayers Urge Board Agree to Supply Individual Bus Service for Every Pupil

Over 50 ratepayers from Esqueving Township met jointly with the school board Monday evening to discuss the closing of Waterloo school and proposed bus service for pupils to the central school at Speyside.

It was unanimously supported that ratepayers urge the board to give 100 per cent transportation to all pupils and that no standing on the bus be allowed.

A number of the ratepayers objected to the bus service when it was explained pupils would be picked up at strategic places along the route rather than the bus stopping at each laneway.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. H. Still was appointed chairman for the evening and Mrs. G. Winfield, secretary.

Board member R. J. Cunningham reminded the ratepayers the meeting had been called because two petitions had been received, one opposing the closing of Waterloo school and the other favoring the move.

**Better Education?**

Following the reading of the two petitions the chairman asked if there was any proof the children would receive a better education at the new Speyside school or whether it was just a more modern place to send them.

Mr. Cunningham informed the gathering it was the board's belief that a better education would be received. He noted it would be too costly to add to each individual country school and reviewed the transportation problem to each school.

He also told the gathering it was easier to get fully qualified teachers at a central school than at a single rural school.

Mr. Cunningham said the Waterloo area residents he sympathized with them, as their school did not have the overcrowding and transportation problems. He pointed out that Waterloo school pupils would be the first picked up in the morning and first delivered home at night by the bus.

**More Teaching Time**

Ernie Tindale enquired if teachers could do a better job handling one grade in the central school rather than several in a single school.

Board chairman Clarence Coles told the ratepayers it was his opinion the teachers would have more time for individual attention in the central school.

A. J. McIsaac asked what special attention an underprivileged child might be afforded in the central school system and was told it shouldn't change from past setups.

Board member Mac Sprowl emphasized that attendance in single rural schools years ago was low, but present day attendance indicated over 45 per cent. "I believe pupils will get better attention in consolidated schools," he remarked.

Mr. McIsaac asked the board what plans they had for the next five years and was informed some thought had been given to a school at Silvercreek. He was told, however, this had only been discussed and not finalized.

## 175 to Enroll Tuesday In New Speyside School

Opening of the new consolidated school at Speyside high-lights school opening in Esqueving area No. 1.

About 175 pupils are expected there Tuesday in the five spick 'n span new classrooms. Almost everything is ready and waiting. Painters are daubing at a few last spots, but desks and blackboards are all in place.

Off-color brick in the south wall is being replaced, and grading will be completed soon.

**850 In Area**

About 850 pupils are expected altogether in Esqueving school area No. 1.

Five schools are closed now, with the youngsters from the districts going daily by bus to Speyside. The schools where the three R's will be taught no longer are Lorne, Dublin, Dufferin, Waterloo and Stone schools.

There will be a staff of five in the new Speyside school. Colin Leitch from Ingersoll will be the principal and teach the senior pupils in grades seven and eight. Garry Dawkins of Acton, just graduated from Teachers' College in Toronto, will teach grades six and seven. Mrs. Margaret Barber, who has taught at Dublin and Lorne schools, will teach grade five. Mrs. Bernice Dekker comes to teach grades three and four after three years at Norval.

Last year's Dublin teacher, Mrs. Helen Ross, will teach grades one and two. She was also two years at Bannockburn school.

James Morrison, R. R. 1, Acton, is caretaker.



**NOTHING** could be finer on a hot day than a dip in a pool but when a slide is added the enjoyment increases. Four children can be seen ready to zip down the slide at the wading pool in the park during a hot spell this week. Pictured, front to back, are Jeannette Dunn, Teddy Hagan, Bill Hagan and Robert Biltorf. The pool has been a popular spot this summer.

**Don't Bet on It**

Mr. McIsaac suggested that some of the country schools should be maintained and when told by the Board chairman a survey had indicated no particular increase in population he remarked, "The way housing is going up, I wouldn't bet."

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**Glen Williams Staff**

Ralph McKeown is principal at Glen Williams school, and takes grades seven and eight. Tom Darcie will teach grades six and seven; Miss Eva Presswood grades three and four; Miss Hilda Boyes grades one and two. A new teacher, Miss Margaret Morrison, starts with grades four and five. George Brandford of Georgetown will be caretaker again.

At Norval, principal Mrs. Alvinia Noble has grades five, six and seven and Mrs. Winifred Cascadon has grades one and two. Mrs. Marie Wilson, who taught at Lorne last year, has grades three and four.

Music supervisor for the area is again Mrs. Mary Kidney.

**Children Believed Cause Of \$5,000 Barn, Shed Fire**

A 62 year-old barn and adjoining shed to house pigs were completely destroyed by fire, last Friday at noon, as a large crowd of spectators lined an overlooking bank. Estimated loss was set at \$5,000 by Fire Chief J. Newton.

Fire Chief J. Newton and constable Bill Bennett of the North Halton O.P.P. Detachment investigated a tip that children were seen biking away from the scene of the fire minutes before Acton firemen arrived. They established that children were responsible for the fire.

The ancient barn located on the former Sterritt property on the first line near the Breezes and adjoining shed belong to a Toronto man, James Donovan, and contained a large quantity of last year's hay crop.

No animals were in the buildings and the fire fed by dry hay completely destroyed the two buildings.

Firemen were hampered by parked cars and bicycles on the narrow road as well as a shortage of water.

An old well at the bottom of a hill was utilized and an auxiliary pumper forced water up the hill, along the laneway to the waiting fire pumper.

Firemen remained at the scene of the fire for over two hours and returned later Friday evening to wet down the smouldering ruins.

## O.P.P. Constable Hurt in Crash Chasing Guelph Prison Escapee

A 75-90 m.p.h. chase of an escaped convict early Tuesday morning resulted in the serious injury of North Halton O.P.P. Constable Dave Richardson and the capture of the escapee. An operation early Wednesday morning proved successful according to a report from Guelph General Hospital and he is resting comfortably.

The convict was one of 12 escapees of Guelph Reformatory and was the only one to elude capture near the prison. Gregory McLeod, 19, stole a car and attempted to make his get-away from eight North Halton and Guelph O.P.P. cruisers. The last chase covered the Guelph, Acton and Rockwood area and the capture was made by North Halton O.P.P. Constables Ron Stratton and Dave Hardy near Rockwood on Highway 7; after Constable Richardson risked his life in an attempt to stop the stolen car.

**Forced Off**

Richardson's car sped out in front of the escapee's car and gradually began to slow down while the other cruiser came up from behind to box the convict in. Unwilling to be arrested, McLeod began to bump Richardson's cruiser from behind and succeeded in knocking the cruiser off the road, where it smashed against a hydro pole at the side of the road west of Acton. The constable was rushed to Guelph General Hospital in serious condition but Wednesday morning his fellow officers in

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## Back to School for 1212 Acton Pupils Tuesday

### Robert Little School Expects Over 500 Pupils

Doors of the Robert Little school will open for more than 500 pupils Tuesday morning. The number is increased this year since children living on the Crescent are transferring from the M. Z. Bennett to the Robert Little school.

Boundary line is the CNR track.

There are 17 teachers on the staff, plus music supervisor Glenn Banks.

**17 on Staff**

The new kindergarten teacher is Miss Olga Knutson of Meaford, who has just graduated from Stratford Teachers' College. Mrs. Jane Gamble returns to teach grade one. Miss Mayne Forster of Woodstock is coming to teach grade one.

Mrs. Grace Reed will teach grades one and two. Miss Rosemary Moore of Meaford comes with teaching experience to take grade two.

Another Teachers' College grad, Miss Patricia Jones of Woodstock, teaches grades two and three. Mrs. June Doherty has a grade three class and Mrs. Ora Copeland grades three and

### Start More Periods Per Day For 312 High School Students

More periods each day for a record high enrolment will begin Tuesday at the high school. The eight-period day will be replaced by a nine-period day for grades nine to 12, and a ten-period day for grades 13 students.

Enrolment, which totalled 280 in 1959-60, is expected to increase to 312.

**14 Upper School Subjects**

This year, there will be 14 upper school subjects taught. Periods will be shortened from last year's 40 minutes to 35 minutes each to include two more

four. Mrs. Marjorie White has grade four and Mrs. Dorene Byrman grade five.

William Kennedy of Lucknow will teach grades five and six, and Keith Black grade six. Keith Martin will have grade seven. Douglas Copeland has grades seven and eight and is also assistant principal.

Principal Garnet McKenzie will teach grade eight.

Douglas Widdis of Seaford will teach industrial arts and grade eight. Ryerson grad Miss Helen Baker will teach home economics.

### M. Z. Bennett School Ready For 400 Pupils

A dozen teachers have been assigned rooms at the M. Z. Bennett public school and will be welcoming students back Tuesday.

The timid ones who come to kindergarten for the first time will be in the care of Miss Joan Park, who has just graduated from teachers' college.

Mrs. Kay Alger will teach grade one in room two, and Miss Sheila Boehme will teach grade one in room three. They were both at the school last year.

**New to Staff**

Teachers' college graduate Miss J. Bosley will teach grade two in room four. Miss F. Small comes with two years' experience to teach grades two and three in room five. Mrs. G. Benton returns to teach grade three in room six.

Another new staffer, Miss H. Jackson, comes from teachers' college to teach grade four in room seven. She has had two years' experience.

Five teachers of senior classes were all here before. A. Capper takes grades four and five in



**LACK OF WATER** hampered Acton firefighters in controlling a fire that destroyed a 62-year-old barn and pig pen on the former Sterritt farm, on the first line, on Friday. The farm now belongs to a Toronto man, James Donovan. The house was unoccupied but the barn contained last year's crop of hay. No animals were in the barn at the time of the fire. Police and fire chief J. Newton received a tip the fire was set by children and are investigating the incident. Spectators lined the banks overlooking the buildings and were driven back several times by the intense heat. Firemen were further hampered by cars and bicycles parked on the narrow road.