

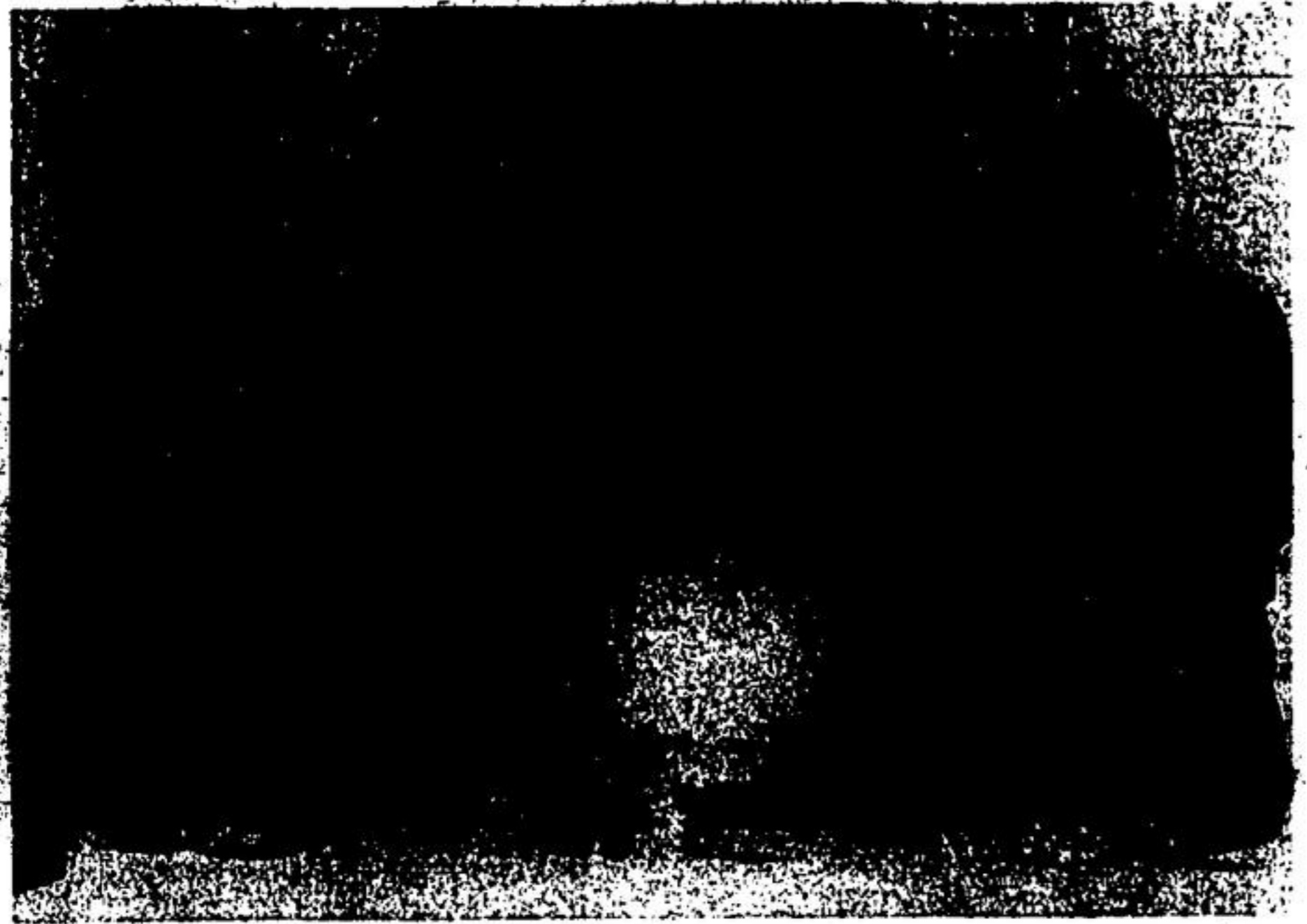
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CAROL KORNISH of Emporium High school in Pennsylvania takes a whirl at sitting in the Rotary president's chair during the club meeting Tuesday evening. Along with three other U.S. students and a teacher, she is attending the Acton school during a student exchange sponsored by the Rotary club. Pictured front row left to right are Edward J. Richmond, teacher, Miss Kornish and Rotary president Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Back row are Allen Poorman, Judith Bingenman, Les Johnson and secretary Ron Lewis.

U.S. Students Prefer Own Education Rotary Club Members Learn Tuesday

Edward J. Richmond, grade nine teacher, and four students from Emporium High school in Pennsylvania were guests of the Acton Rotary Club Tuesday evening and briefly outlined their viewpoints on Canadian education.

The four students and teachers are visiting Acton High school this week on a student exchange program sponsored by the Rotary Club. On completion of their stay, four Acton students will return with them to attend school for a week in Pennsylvania. Visiting the Rotary club were Mr. Richmond, Carol Kornish, Judith Bingenman, Allan Poorman and Les Johnson, Acton students who return to the U.S. were also present at the dinner meeting. They are Brian Barbeau, James Ironside, Susan Wilson and Doreen Gordon.

der in Acton but stressed the lack of sports. He noted sports breed team spirit and helped make better citizens.

Miss Bingenman repeated her schoolmate's sentiments stating she would rather attend school in Emporium. Her version of sports, bands, glee clubs and other activities mixed with schooling was identical to the others.

Les Johnson spoke of the friendliness in Acton and how eager everyone was to help out. "Acton is not much different. It seems like the old home town," he stated. He was of the opinion that extra curricular activities helped student and teacher relationship.

made up of 35 teachers and enrolled this year are 871 students. Student-teacher relationship is very good, the speaker stressed.

He told the club the high school students are allowed a day off the first day of the deer hunting season and noted how great the area was for hunting and fishing. "This year the season opened early for archery hunters to hunt with bow and arrow," he said.

Prior to the meeting starting Mr. Richmond stressed the importance of community co-operation and told how every organization got behind a project and raised funds and contributed financially. Even the teachers stage plays and activities every year to raise money for scholarships. Any student wishing to become a teacher could receive financial aid.

Same Population

Mr. Richmond told the club Emporium was the same population as Acton and had a \$2,000,000 high school, complete in every detail down to a \$100,000 swimming pool. He pointed out that a 26-room elementary school is being contemplated in the near future.

Mr. Richmond explained that Emporium High school has its own band, glee club, mixed and junior choruses and an auditorium with a seating capacity for 1,000 people. The teaching staff is

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Administration of Justice, New Municipal Offices Urged in Brief Submitted by Halton Law Society

Preliminary drawings will be prepared for a new county building to include the administration of justice, its related offices and municipal administration offices as one building on and recently purchased by the County. This was agreed as members adopted the report of the building committee at the regular meeting of County Council on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Originally it had been planned to build a municipal administration building on the 10 acre site just north of Milton and convert

the present county building for the administration of justice.

Submit Brief

A delegation from the Halton County Law Association submitted a brief suggesting the present building was inadequate, and an architect's report noting the building could not be economically remodelled.

The decision to continue with sketch plans for a combined building was reached over objections from Burlington Reeve F. I. Ruckman who noted it appeared there would be another

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Looking to the future, the brief suggested a second appointment of a county judge was imminent as population grew and there was no possible provision in the present building for a second judge. "In fact there are most inadequate provisions for the one judge we have now."

Would Move Registry Office

The Association pointed out that expansion of the recently completed Registry office would be necessary in four to five years and suggested its relocation close to the building for the administration of justice with the present registry office used for

In their 11 page brief to Council the Law Association suggested a new building for the administration of justice was desirable since the interests of the people of Halton "have suffered, are suffering and will increasingly suffer, as the population grows, from the complete inadequacy of the facilities." The brief noted the county ranges second in assessment and population in the province and the amount of business transacted in the county, not including the registry office is eighth in the province.

No Court Room

Commenting on the crowding the brief explained sittings of the Supreme Court in January last year were in their fourth week. "The sittings of the County Court (fixed by statute) opened on October 3 and His Honour Judge Robinson was without any Court Room facilities to hear criminal appeals and other Court cases, other than in his Chambers which are very inadequate for Court purposes."

The brief also noted the absence of any quarters for witnesses, consultation between client and counsel during trial, and adequate law library facilities.

Reduced Rate for Hydro Power in Fall, Missing Cheques on Commission Agenda

Beginning September 1, Acton hydro commission will purchase power from the Ontario Hydro at a reduced rate. At the commission meeting Thursday of last week a letter from J. C. Farrell of the Ontario Hydro was read stating that due to the purchase of number two substitution by the commission, the cost of local power would be reduced from \$45.10 to \$43 per kilowatt hour.

Purchase of the Alice Street lot beside the present hydro workshop from the town was finalized when town solicitor Aldo Braida briefly outlined the contents of the deed and was handed a cheque amounting to \$1,000.

Won't Attend

When it was learned the main topic for the annual OMAEU convention in Toronto would be collective advertising, commissioners agreed to file the letter and not participate. Commissioner F. G. Oakes in stating his disapproval of collective advertising, indicated it would be better for each municipality to work out its own problems.

A letter was received from council advising the commission all previous by-laws dealing with commissioners' salaries had been amended to comply with a resolution from the commission to act as an unpaid civic group, retroactive to January 1, 1960.

Missing Cheques

This sparked an enquiry from commission member Gordon Beatty who asked if cheques issued earlier in the year as partial payment for attendance had been returned. On learning all but three had, he questioned why these three had not been returned.

Commissioner G. McCutcheon said the Hydro Commission replaced the former P.U.C. and as no by-laws were in effect governing payment of an honorarium to commissioners on the present body, payment to commissioners should not have been made.

Mr. Beatty continued his quest for the missing cheques and when their return appeared doubtful, he sponsored a resolution that the secretary-treasurer request return or refund of the missing cheques.

Municipality	1959	1960
Burlington	41,839	44,438
Trailalgar	27,399	29,463
Oakville	10,147	10,247

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Georgetown	9,353	10,034
Essex	5,602	5,656
Milton	9,257	9,520
Acton	4,190	4,336
Nassagaweya	2,230	2,173

Church Opening Date Postponed

The opening and dedication of the new United Church has been postponed until Sunday, November 13. Uncertainty regarding the completion of various aspects of the building caused the decision to make the decision. It is expected the interior will be completely finished for the services.

The Reformation Sunday service will be held as scheduled on October 30, with the place changed from the United Church to the Presbyterian church.

Following the church opening Sunday School hours will change.

Busy Weekend

Thieves Ransack Four Homes Steal Groceries From Car

Four breakins Friday evening and the theft of a parcel of groceries from a parked vehicle kept Acton OPP Detachment on the move, as thieves entered homes and stole cash and Canada Savings Bonds. Thieves followed the same pattern when they entered the four homes through a rear window or door while the owners were absent.

In most cases the breakins were reported early in the evening while owners were downtown shopping seemed to be curtailed to kitchens and bedrooms with drawers and cupboards ransacked and clothes strewn about.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Oelrich, Mowbray Place, the house was entered and ransacked but owners reported nothing missing. Mr. and Mrs. L. Young but were less fortunate, when

Planning Board to Study Zoning By-Law In Attempt to Solve Garage Problem

Acton ratepayers desiring to erect garages but unable to comply with the zoning by-law were granted a reprieve Tuesday evening when planning board agreed to review the situation in hopes of amending the by-law. This action followed a report by Mayor John Goy of a meeting in Toronto Friday with Col. Nash and Mr. Adams of the Department of Planning and Development.

The mayor informed the board the trip to Toronto was the direct result of a joint meeting held recently with the council, planning board and committee of adjustment in an attempt to reach some conclusion regarding the garage problem. Mr. Goy asked the department members what steps they had taken regarding similar requests to build garages in other communities. The mayor

was informed by Mr. Nash that the town by-law had been in effect for more than two years and was used by the planning board as a tool. It was pointed out, however, that any tool needs sharpening at different times and it was suggested the board take another look at it.

Mr. Nash said that every time the board adjusted the by-law it indicated to the department that

a watchful eye was being kept on everything.

By-law Harsh

The mayor said department officials informed him the zoning by-law was a little harsh on anyone desiring to erect a garage (auxiliary building in department terms) and said the sidelong clearance could be cut down somewhat. The by-law could be adjusted to allow existing areas in town more leeway and still protect the town.



MUMMY'S MONEY — registration fee for night school — is handed to Mrs. C. G. Jones Friday evening at registration night at the high school. Mummy is Mrs. Roy Kirkness and the little redhead is two-year-old Kimberly. Over 150 have enrolled.

Mr. Goy informed the board the department members had stated the Acton by-law draft was one of the best they had ever seen but suggested it be reviewed.

P. Alan Deacon, planning consultant, suggested it would be impossible to adjust the by-law to suit each individual property but it was the board's intention to remove obstacles affecting the majority.

"There is a time after the by-law has been in effect when experience tells you parts of it need adjusting. The only power the board has is the tiresome method of amending the by-law," stated the consultant.

The mayor suggested the by-law be dealt with a special meeting and the board agreed to tackle the problem Wednesday, November 2.

Requests Re-Zoning

An application was received from the solicitor of Dairy Queen requesting the board to consider rezoning of the J. J. Stewart property on Queen Street from residential to commercial. Sale of this property depends on the zoning change to allow a Dairy Queen store.

The property in question is situated east of Grant's Motors off No. 7 highway and measures 120 feet by 120 feet. The company is seeking permission to erect a building 20 feet by 40 feet with provisions for indoor service. An

Scrap 10 Night School Classes Say Others "In Serious Trouble"

Ten courses were cancelled out of 29 offered at night school this year when harrassed committee members tallied registrations and juggled figures Tuesday evening in the high school. Some of those registered for cancelled classes have been switched to boost the low registration in others.

Classes should have at least a dozen in them. Several with a registration to date dubiously standing at seven, eight or nine, will be cancelled this weekend unless last-minute registrations save them. Other classes will still welcome a few more members to help cover expenses.

Definitely cancelled, with registrations ranging from none to two are English grammar and composition, millinery, metalcraft, draperies and slipcovers, dramatics, woodworking, shorthand speed, rugmaking, needlecraft and wood finishing.

Highest registration was in the typewriting course, which has 20. The hottest course, a new one, proved very popular with 19 enrolled.

Sewing is popular, but some changes have been made. There will be elementary dressmaking and tailoring classes both Monday and Tuesday evenings, but

only one advanced dressmaking course on Monday.

Classes with insufficient registration, which may still have to be cancelled, are conversational French, elementary bookkeeping, leathercraft, elementary motor mechanics.

More will also be welcome in oil painting, upholstery and sewing on Monday; typing and sewing on Tuesdays.

Paving the way for Tuesday's problematic meeting was registration night last Friday evening in the high school. Beginning at least 20 minutes before 7 p.m. opening time, applicants registered throughout the evening at tables set up in the school corridor.

discussed also were sewing machine rental, cleaning of irons, the fair exhibit and teacher transportation. Sandwiches and coffee will be served to instructors and committee Monday and Tuesday of next week, the first two nights of classes.

Cancellation of classes is usual since a very wide variety of courses is offered. Another successful year is anticipated.

In Error

A report appearing in the Free Press last week stated Erin Township council was responsible for financial costs incurred to complete and maintain the proposed Community Centre building at Hillsburgh.

This was reported in error and should have stated the community centre board is responsible for all financial cost incurred to complete and maintain the building after grants are received.

The Free Press regrets any inconveniences caused by this error.



FASCINATED CHILDREN and teachers watched as Acton firemen sprayed water from one of the pumps during a visit to the Robert Little school, Thursday of last week. As part of Fire Prevention Week firemen visited schools in town and rural areas and staged fire drills. Pupils at the Robert Little school cleared the school in 53 seconds after the alarm was turned in. Firemen also visited business and industrial places and conducted an inspection to point out possible fire hazards.