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Expect Large Turnout Friday For Remembrance Day Service

Acton and district citizens will join with veterans Friday morning to pay their respects to loved ones fallen during the war.

Led by Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band the parade will leave the Legion Hall at 10.30 in the morning and march to the cenotaph, where wreaths will be placed and a brief service held.

Joining in the ceremony this year will be Acton Legion and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, town council, Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters I.O.D.E., Firefighters, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies as well as other local organizations.

The Legion charge will be read by president Max Storey after which wreaths will be placed on the cenotaph by organizations and individuals. Legionnaire John McHugh will read the names of the fallen dead followed by the last post played by W. D. Elmer Smith. Acton Junior Pipe Band will play the lament and Mr. Smith will play Reveille.

Before the brief ceremony concludes everyone will join in a hymn played by Acton Citizens' Band and Legion Padre Rev. A. H. McKenzie will offer the benediction.

The parade will march to St. Alban's Church of the Martyr where a church service will be held. Taking part in the service will be the following members of the Acton Ministerial Association, Rev. D. Engel, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Rev. H. B. Stokroff, Rev. Jas. M. Rudj and Rev. J. Nutma.

Veterans will gather in the afternoon and drive to Haltonville where a brief ceremony will be held at the cenotaph there after which a church service will be conducted in Nassagaweya Presbyterian church.

Rev. H. C. Mar and K. Griffiths will conduct the church service after which veterans taking part will be served lunch.

Scholarships, Bursaries Total \$1,000 High School Commencement Program

Girls dressed in their flowing dresses and boys in their Sunday best and both transformed from students to young men and women were admired by proud parents as they tramped up the steps to the platform of the Acton High School auditorium to receive their certificates and awards, Friday evening, during the annual commencement exercises. This year the awards were the biggest to date, totalling over \$1,000.

Principal E. A. Hansen welcomed the crowd seated in the auditorium, and overflowing to the bleachers and praised the students for their achievements. He told the audience that if the school enrollment continued to increase another school addition would be necessary in the near future.

Gaily decked with flowers and school colors the stage held staff teachers and guest speaker who shared the limelight as certificates and other awards were handed out.

Girls big winners
Girls capped the largest share of the awards with several receiving two or three during the evening.

Louise Wasowicz, valedictorian, received two scholarships valued at \$250 and was presented with the valedictorian medal by student council president Barry Kirkness. She is now attending teachers' college in Toronto.

Petite Ilene Vary received the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. scholarship of \$25 for the student in grade 12 who in one year completes the course in grade 12 with the highest standing and continues to upper school. Mrs. W. Spruston made the presentation.

Greatest proficiency in the commercial option course won Melboracis scholarships for Gloria Latimer of grade 10 and June Davidson of grade 12. The awards were presented by Mrs. J. Galoway.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. bursary of \$1000 for a student proceeding to higher education was presented by Mrs. J. W. Wolfe to Louise Wasowicz.

The Canadian Legion scholarship for general proficiency to the student in grade 12 or 13 who continues to an institution of higher learning was presented by Legion president Max Storey to Mary-Lou Creighton, who is now at the University of Toronto.

The annual awards of the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Nevelate, Never-absent Certificate were presented on behalf of the chapter by Mrs. W. Spruston and Mrs. R. Spielvogel to Ruth Coles, Richard Currie, Kay Dennis, Bob Daby, Lesley Anne Daby, John Goy, Peter Homer, James Ironside, Katherine Kirkness, Wayne Mason, Stuart McDonald, Ray Pasma, Diane Robinson, Janet Rognavaldson, Gail Rossell, David Roughley, Murray Smith, Ross Swackhamer, Ilene Vary, Susan Walters, George Vary, John Williams, Carmen Woodburn.

Proficiency scholarships of the school board, awarded the School Board Proficiency Scholarships, which are based on academic standing in all subjects. Total amount of the scholarships was \$600. Receiving them were: Louise Wasowicz, grade 13, \$200; Mary-Lou Creighton, grade 13, \$100; Ilene Vary, grade 12, \$100; Dorcen Gordon, grade 12, \$50; Elizabeth Force, grade 11, \$50; Brian Barbeau, grade 11, \$25; Jean Hart, grade 10, \$30; Carl Gathof, grade 10, \$15; Mary Beth Elliott, grade nine, \$20 and (Continued on Page Three).

School Board Vetoes Driving Class Favors Stressing Three R's Instead

High school board members turned thumbs down on a suggestion to include driving instruction as part of the school curriculum. Monday evening the board received a letter from an Ontario Safety League official stating the plan had received the blessing of the government and Department of Education and was being carried out in many centres.

However, extra-curricular driving instruction under supervision of qualified teachers and principals was turned down in favor of stressing the three R's — not D for driving in the curriculum.

Invited members' comments on the subject, chairman J. Creighton heard trustee E. S. Force remark sharply, "I'm agin' it." Trustee M. M. Cole suggested the plan might have some merit in view of the increase in traffic accidents and reminded his colleagues the plan was backed by the Department of Education.

quipped little skill and suggested the ability to think was the most important. "If we adopt this program we are robbing the school of hours, which should be devoted to study by which students learn to think," he emphasized.

Mr. Coles suggested the government might better raise the age limit for beginner permits. Trustee D. Moffat agreed the board could not afford to teach driving at school; he was all in favor of teaching to drive but not in school hours.

Before the subject was concluded trustee W. Coon told his colleagues he disapproved and suggested the members find all they could do to teach the three R's without including cars.

Student Council Objects
At a former meeting the board pondered a plan to eliminate bright sunshine pouring in windows in the school gymnasium and a suggestion to paint the glass was held over pending a guarantee of durability from a paint company.

Monday evening a letter signed by Barry Kirkness, president of the student council, objected to the window painting program and asked the board to reconsider their proposal. The student council said that painting the windows would present the first blotch on an otherwise beautiful school addition.

Property chairman W. Coon explained to the board that dangers involved in window cleaning and an attempt to lengthen the life of proposed curtains were the intent behind the proposed painting of the windows. He said the matter had nothing to do with the student council.

"If students are going to run the school, why have a school board?" asked Mr. Coon. His views received the support of trustee Force as he termed the letter a little out of place.

Mr. Force wondered if the letter had developed from the student council opinion only. Principal E. A. Hansen assured the

board the letter expressed the views of the student council entirely and was not backed by anyone on the teaching staff.

Mr. Force told the principal the board had no intention of discrediting the windows and the matter will receive further attention.

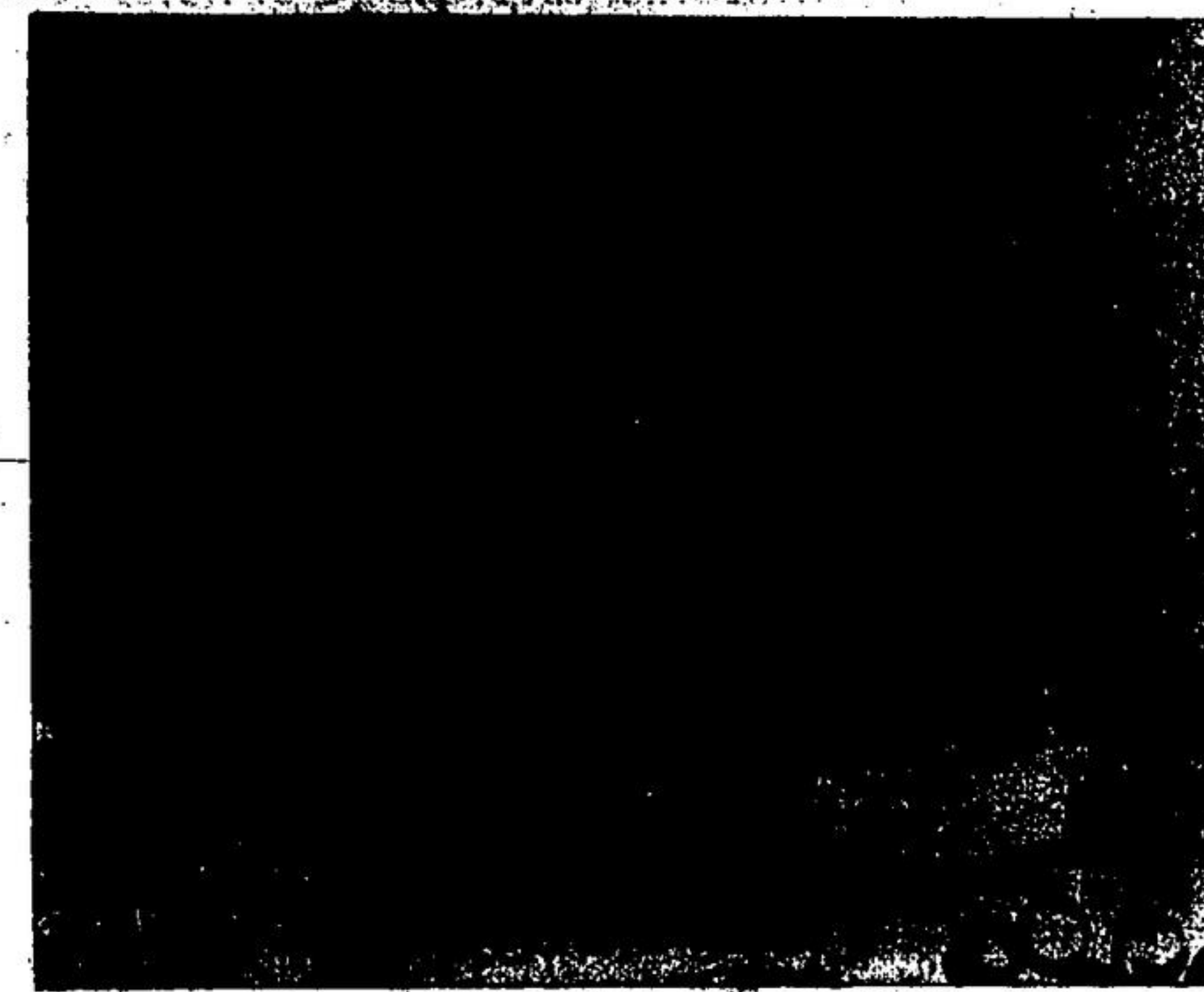
New Ruling
Minutes of special meeting dealing with a request for permission to use the gymnasium for badminton revealed that effective January 5, 1961, a new policy will supersede previous rules. Acton high school property, including the gym, is to be used exclusively for school activities, always supervised by the staff or designated supervisor. An exception to this rule could be the use of the facilities by educational staffs in the area.

Principal Hansen reported on the success of last Friday's graduation exercises and told the board the recent student exchange program sponsored by the Acton Rotary Club had proved quite successful.

Mr. Hansen reported that Christmas examinations would get underway November 25 and parents' night is slated for November 16. He also relayed notification from the Ontario secondary school teachers' federation that staff member W. Coates had been granted category two status. The secretary was instructed to make necessary wage adjustments.

Bus Change
D. Moffat, chairman of the transportation committee, reported bus routes were working out quite favorably. He noted one change in schedule had been made but owing to a large hill he expected winter travel over this particular area would be impossible with the bus. He suggested the township should sand the hill.

It was agreed by resolution to name the school Acton District High School but the name on the building now will not be changed yet.



SCOUT APPLES went on sale in Acton Saturday and scouts blitzed the town as they sold the apples and handed out tags in return for the money. Pictured above busy polishing apples prior to canvassing homes are scout Steven Coles and cub Bruce Segaskie.

Workmen Rush Jobs at Church Yet Organ Tuner Needs Quiet

With the service of dedication of the new sanctuary of the United Church on Sunday morning at 11 a.m., workmen are racing against the clock this week to have the building ready. Wood panelling is already up at the front of the church, stairs are being built to the balcony and door frames are right ready for the floors to be hung. The woodwork is to be finished in natural shade.

Underfoot, there is the rough cement floor, littered with workmen's equipment. However, it's being tiled this week; carpets and furniture are to arrive today (Thursday) and be installed just as soon as possible.

Missing at the dedication will be the colored glass in the windows, which is not here yet.

Improbable?
The men faced with installing and tuning the organ don't know which side of the fence they're on. They want the church as ready as possible for the service Sunday — but for their work they have two pretty improbable requirements—absolute quiet and clean atmosphere with no dust! Their solution: work nights.

Sunday morning's service of dedication will be followed by luncheon served in the basement by ladies of the church. The 115th anniversary service will be held in the evening.

The congregation had an attractive folder printed which has been sent to former members and friends inviting them to attend. The booklet includes a historical sketch of the congregation, names of elders, stewards, trustees and group presidents, a short article on the new organ, a message from building chairman Alf Long, a message from the minister, the Rev. Dwight Engel, and the order of service for morning and evening.

Arena Changes Await Approval Govt. to Pick up Portion of Tab

Installation of a heating system and toilets at Acton arena loomed into sight once again when council received word the project would probably be classed under the winter works program and the town would be eligible for a grant. If the plan is approved the government will share 75 percent of the labor costs and the town will assume the balance as well as cost of material.

Clerk-administrator J. McGeachie informed council that a gas line would probably be run from the street line to the arena in preparation for the installation of the heating system.

The building committee agreed to visit the arena Saturday morning to look it over.

Council agreed to declare the week of November 13 to 25 as Retarded Children's Week and make this announcement in the Free Press.

Members were reminded to be on hand Friday morning for the Remembrance Day service and were instructed where to meet.

Vacant seats were plentiful with Mr. Hansen attending a three-day seminar at the Canadian Civil Defence college at Arrnprior. Reeve J. M. Greer still recuperating from an operation and councillor A. Field absent. Councillor E. Pope arrived on the scene in time to take a seat before adjournment.

Following the conclusion of the brief business session at which deputy-revee J. Hargrave presided, council inspected the recently completed town workshop at the water tower.

W. L. McNeil, Inspector of Public Schools, warned there can be no relaxing of efforts in gaining support both financially and from a publicity angle, so that the festivals may be successful.

Theatre Closes End November "Lost Money"

The "silver screen" in Acton will be blacked out on November 26. Roxy manager Murray Harrison has been informed by the Odeon chain the theatre will be closed on that date. The building is owned by Mrs. Gregory of Oakville.

Mr. Harrison says the theatre has been losing money for two years and almost closed last June. After a reprieve, the latest and best pictures were shown but the attendance remained scant on week nights.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there are, on the average, from 25 to 35 in the show. From 80 to 90 percent of the business was done on the weekends, with Saturday matinee attendance running from 80 up to 240. "What kept it going is the students," Mr. Harrison said, who is very sorry to see this form of entertainment lost to the town.

Returned to office as secretary was Phil McCrystal with Johnny Krapek handling the roll of treasurer again this year.

Rev. H. D. Stewart Guest Minister During Knox Church Anniversary

Large congregations attended the morning and evening services, Sunday, and heard guest minister the Rev. H. D. Stewart of Ottawa during the 115th Anniversary services at Knox Presbyterian church.

Addressing the morning congregation the guest minister described "The place of the church in your religious experience," while in the evening he stressed "What the Spirit says to the Churches."

The distinguished speaker from Ottawa told his audiences they must do more than sit back and accept the consolation of the church but must commit themselves by giving time and talents.

The speaker urged the congregations to take more active part in the church and stated "Christianity is not so much something to believe as it is a task to be done."

Guest soloist for both services was Malcolm Kelterborn of Blenheim. He was accompanied by organist E. A. Hansen and sang in the morning "The Lord's Prayer" and "Lord God of Abraham." In the evening the outstanding baritone sang "Crown without

Thorns" and "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave." The church choir under the direction of choirmaster and organist E. A. Hansen sang "Praise His Holy Name" and "God, who Madest Earth and Heaven."

Fowl Supper
Monday evening the anniversary was marked by a fowl supper and program in the church. Over 300 dinners were served and many others sent out. (The figure is down from last year.)

The program in the church was arranged by Mrs. Bert Davidson and Mrs. G. Somerville, with Rev. McKenzie the chairman.

He welcomed the group, and expressed thanks to the ladies of the church for the supper, with special appreciation expressed to Mrs. A. M. MacPherson, president of the Ladies' Aid.

On the program were a solo by Mrs. John Davidson, "The Desert Song"; duet, June and Donna Rennick, "Uist Tramping Song"; Solo, Norman Elliott "Just A-Wearing for You"; Cornet duet, Charles Landsborough and Ian Johnston, "Bless This House"; Reading, Mrs. Malcolm Moffat, (Campbellville), Solo, George Muselle, "The Veterans

Song"; piano duet, Mrs. Mel McCullough and Mrs. A. K. Mann—"The Shepherd Boy"; Solo, Donna Rennick, "Tulip and Heath"; duet Geo. Muselle and Norman Elliott, "The Battle of Eve"; two readings—Mrs. Malcolm Moffat, cornet duet—Charles Landsborough and Ian Johnston—"In The Garden"; solo—June Rennick—"My Task" and a duet by Mrs. John Davidson and Norman Elliott, "The Holy City"

Mrs. Clarence Coles was accompanied for most musical items. Mrs. George Robertson accompanied the Rennick girls in their songs and George Muselle's solo and the duet by George Muselle and Norman Elliott.

Plan 1961 Music Festivals

Plans for the 1961 Halton Music Festivals were made during the annual autumn meetings of the presidents, secretaries and music supervisors of the North Halton Urban, North Halton Rural and South Halton Divisions of the Music Festival Association. The meeting was held in the J. M. Denyes Public School, Milton, on Wednesday of last week.

The North Halton Rural Division plans to hold its festival on Thursday, April 27 in the Robert Little School in Acton with Eldon Brethour of Toronto as adjudicator.

Choose Day, Evening
The North Halton Rural Division has chosen April 26 and the evening of April 28 as dates for its festival, also to be held in the

central office as soon as possible.

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Hold Next Blood Clinic At Legion November 17

A large response is expected from Acton and district residents for the Red Cross Blood Clinic being held in Acton, Thursday, November 17, and canvassers are busy this week calling door to door.

The blood bank being held in the Legion Auditorium will be open in the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and again in the evening from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Chairman G. Beatty reported this week that any resident not home when canvassers call can give blood by attending the clinic during these hours.

Nurses and aides from Hamilton Red Cross branch will be on hand and will be assisted by local nurses and assistants. Blood taken during the clinic is stored in a

blood bank and can be used free of charge by needy persons.

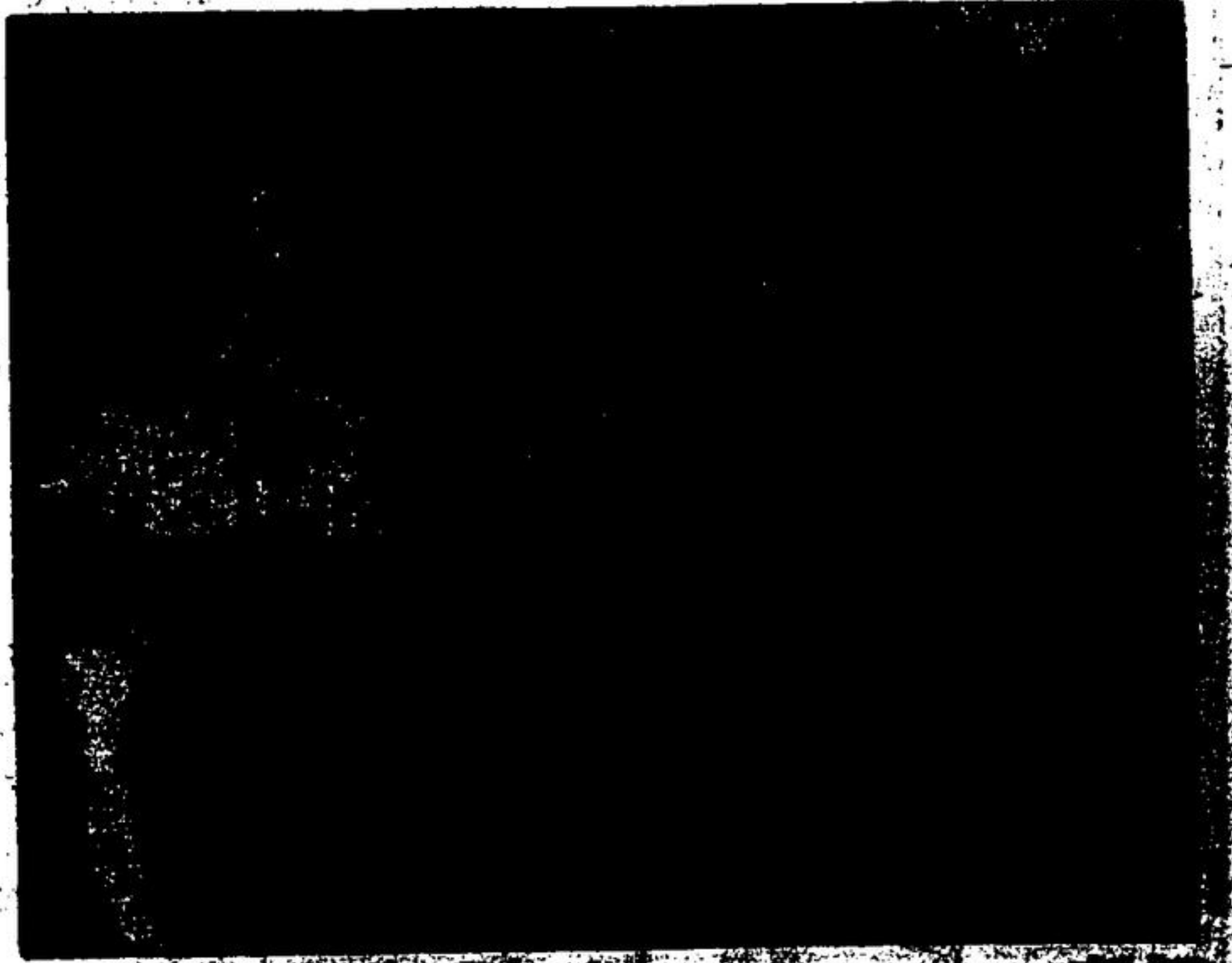
Again this year the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary will be on hand to provide a lunch and assist during registration and members of other organizations will also lend their assistance.

The entire operation takes but a few minutes and everyone is screened carefully before being allowed to give blood. It is expected that the same repeaters will be on hand again and it is hoped that a number of new faces will be seen at the clinic.

Mr. Beatty reminds citizens that anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 is eligible to donate and he hopes to see a number of the younger men and women turn out for the first time.

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\$100 Reward
Woodside school, extensively damaged by vandals, was closed for four days last week and reopened last Friday. Destruction was done the Saturday before. It is understood that a \$100 reward for information has been offered by the school board in the district.



GUEST SPEAKER Reverend E. G. Stewart, past moderator of the Presbyterian church is pictured above in the centre with Mrs. E. C. Reed, vice-principal and E. A. Hansen, principal, following the Commencement Exercises at Acton High School, Friday evening. Dr. Stewart combined wit and wisdom in his address which he delivered to a large audience in the school auditorium.