

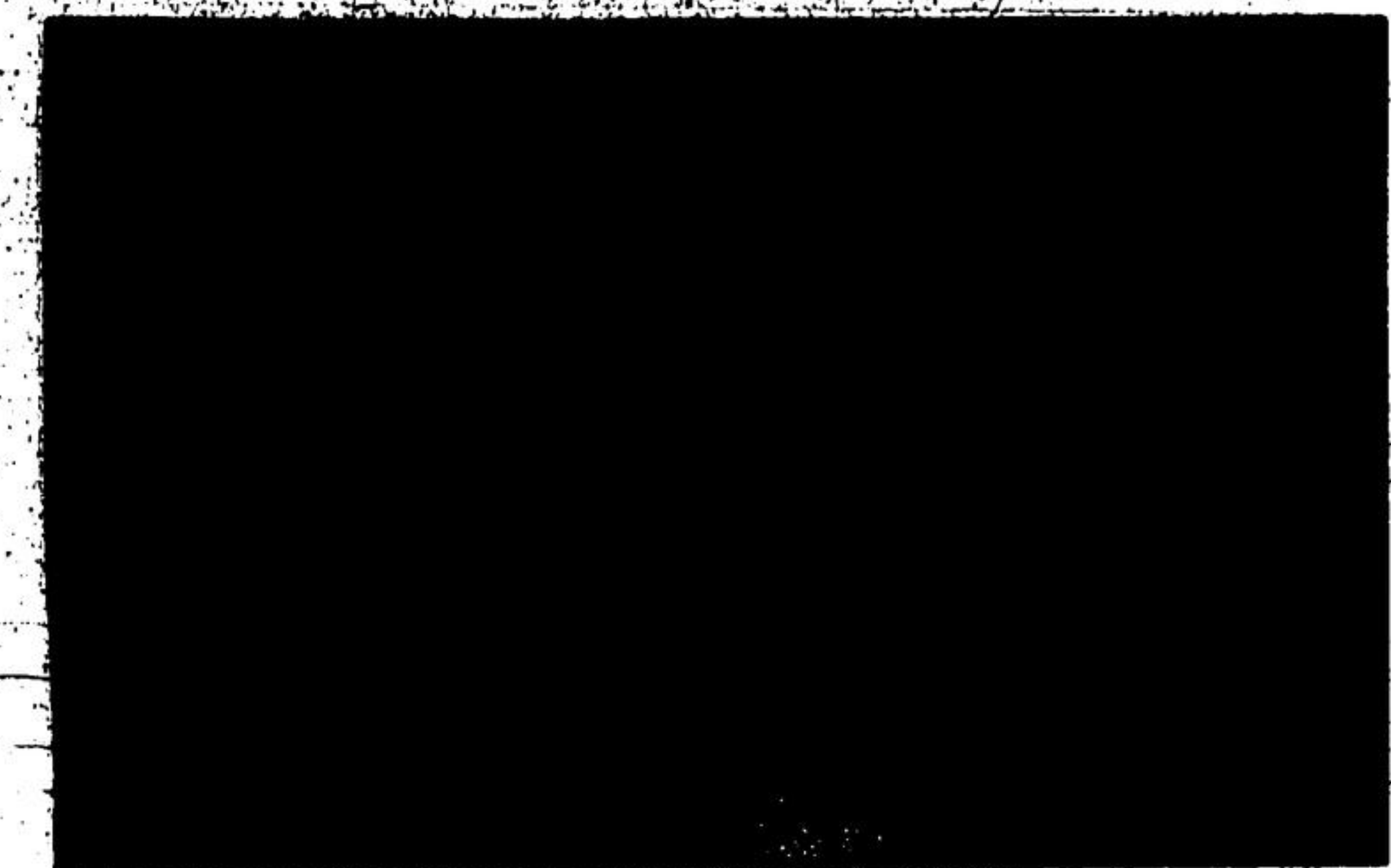
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ACTON FAIR BOARD wasted no time following their election Saturday before they began making plans for this year's Fall Fair. Shown above in the front row, left to right, are the secretary-treasurer Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, president Nino Braida and past-president Lloyd McEnery. Peering over the shoulders on the left is first vice president Calvin Aitken and on the right second vice president Fred Kenner. The officers were elected during the annual meeting Saturday.

Draw Winners Will Receive Certificates

Ronald Broughton, R. R. 1, Acton, was present Saturday afternoon when his name was called and he received a total of \$60 cash during the weekly Merchants' Draw.

While waiting for the clock to strike three, master of ceremonies J. Bert Wood told the large gathering of shoppers at the post office that commencing February 4, the cash prize would be discontinued. Instead, winners each week will receive certificates equivalent to \$60 in gift certificates.

He pointed out the certificates will be redeemable only at stores owned by merchants participating in the weekly draw.

Thief Steals Cash At Jersey Dairy

Police investigated a robbery in broad daylight at Acton Jersey Dairy Tuesday afternoon of last week when approximately \$10 in silver was taken from a cash box while the owner Don Timmings, was in his apartment upstairs.

Mr. Timmings, after completing his country route, returned to the dairy to count his cash and complete his bookkeeping. While waiting for one of his drivers to return, he went upstairs to his apartment.

After his driver, Lloyd McIntyre, returned and cashed in receipts, the proprietor went downstairs to check the cash in order to make a bank deposit. He immediately noticed a quantity of quarters and 50c pieces left in the box after he had rolled other silver up, was missing. Learning Mr. McIntyre had not taken it to make change, he notified police from North Halton C.P.R.

Questioning the paper boy who was the only person recalled around the building, they learned a man had been lurking near the rear of the dairy. The youngster gave police a description of the man and they immediately began a search but have not been able to make an arrest to date.

Name Nino Braida Fair Board Head 1960 Hog, Sheep Exhibit All Time High

A 38-year-old Acton bachelor was named Saturday afternoon to head the 1961 Fall Fair Board. The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society was held in the town hall.

Nino Braida, a director for the past eight years, stepped up from the office of vice-president, which he held for the past two years, and will take the reins to lead the '61 board.

Mr. Braida has been quite active with the board during his term of office and has taken a keen interest in the cattle show. Each year his voice could be heard echoing throughout the fair grounds as he called the entrants and announced the winners in the cattle division. His activities and interest among the junior farmers' clubs have earned him much praise from time to time. Although he works as a machinist in Acton, his fondness for agriculture has gained him acclaim from other directors and exhibitors around the country.

Gives Praise

In accepting his new office the incoming president told the members he felt honored to succeed past-presidents held in high respect by everyone. Mr. Braida praised the untiring efforts of retiring president Lloyd McEnery and told his directors the retiring president had never spared himself but put every effort into making the fair a successful one. He told the Ladies' Division they were the backbone of the society and praised them for their work in the past and asked their help and co-operation in the future. In conclusion the new president told the membership there was an important place for Agricultural Societies and said he was a strong booster himself.

Retiring president L. McEnery wished his successor the best of luck in his new office and asked the board members to pay the new president every opportunity of keeping the standards of Acton Fair high. Mr. McEnery was thanked by the directors for his work during the past two years.

Hog, Sheep Exhibits

During the presentation of committee reports it was learned the hog exhibit was the largest in the history of the fair and the sheep exhibit had surpassed any in recent years. Both exhibits had the largest entry and prize money awarded.

The following officers will assist the new president during the coming year: past president L. McEnery, first vice Calvin Aitken, second vice Fred Kenner and secretary-treasurer Mrs. Irene Swackhamer. Named to the board of directors were: B. Watson, M. McCullough, C. Sprout, L. McLean, J. Marshall, W. Fryer, R. Denny, C. Thompson, A. Near, D. Matthews, M. Sprowl, F. Somerville, R. Everdel, S. Griffin, J. Fryer, C. McNabb, W. Swackhamer, G. Jackson and W. Thompson. Mrs. Swackhamer, secretary-

Set Fair Date

Dates for the next Acton Fair were set for September 15 and 16. The president and secretary were authorized to attend the annual convention, February 22 and 23.

By resolution the secretary was instructed to request the county council for their consideration of doubling the Fair Board grant this year. Plans for the Field Crop competition will be finalized during the March meeting.

Financial Report

Bank managers Walter Woodburn and William McKenry were unanimously reappointed as auditors and during the meeting, Mr. Woodburn presented the financial report which showed total receipts of \$6,900.96 and expenditures amounting to \$6,763.74, leaving a bank balance of \$137.22.

Receipts

Category	Amount
Provincial	\$1,231.00
Halton County	400.00
Esqueving Twp.	175.00
Erin Twp.	50.00
Essex Twp.	25.00
Town of Acton	200.00
Ontario Livestock	75.00
Commercial Feature	180.00
Field Crop	168.00
Donations	384.50
Memberships	188.00
Entry Fees	505.24
Gates	1,286.30
Social Evenings	113.20
Banquet	115.50
Lucky draw	188.00
Maple City Shows	313.00
Commercial Exhibits	80.00
Sale of advertising	672.10
Price List Competition	15.00
Refund (council charge)	20.00
Total	6,381.74
1959 Credit Balance	357.22
Cash on Hand	56.00
Accounts Receivable	106.00
Total Receipts	\$6,900.96

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Choose Anne Bennett Top Orator During Public Speaking Finals

Captivating her audience and a panel of three judges with an interesting and well-delivered account of "Space Explorations", Anne Bennett, 12-year-old grade eight pupil at the Robert Little public school, placed first in the public speaking competition finals Thursday evening during a regular Home and School Association meeting.

Second place was awarded to Mary Grischow, 12, also a grade eight pupil at the Robert Little school. The finals of the contest, sponsored by the Amalgamated Home and School Association, were attended by a large number of parents and pupils.

The two winners will compete on Friday in Milton in the Halton Inspectorate Division, when a winner will be chosen to continue on toward the Ontario championship.

Three judges, Mrs. Frank Rogers, Acton high school teacher; Colin Litch, principal of Spence public school and Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Knox Presbyterian church minister, deliberated over the speeches before bringing in their decision. The speeches were classed as such high calibre that they awarded three honorable mentions before naming the two top winners.

Well Prepared

Summing up the speeches, Mrs. Rogers told the interested audience that all seven speeches were well prepared and presented, showing richness of vocabulary, good sentence structure and interesting subject material. She noted all speakers were heard quite clearly throughout the auditorium.

"Audience appeal is most important when interest is held from beginning to end, that is proof of a good speech," she concluded.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie stated it had not been an easy selection to make. "I have judged a number of public speaking contests, but few were as difficult to decide as the one heard here tonight," he emphasized.

The second place winner, Mary Grischow, spoke on "Electricity, Our Servant". Honorable mention went to Linda Braida, M. Z. Bennett school, who spoke on her hobby, "Figure Skating". Margaret MacKenzie of the Robert Little school, who chose as her subject, "Why I Am Proud to be a Canadian"; and Katherine McKenzie, Robert Little school, for her colorful description of Fort Henry under the topic "An Historic Site".

Other competitors included Jane Cooper, M. Z. Bennett pupil, who spoke on "Rain" and John McGeechie, from the same school, who gave a vivid description of Brock's Monument under the heading "A Historic Site".

M. Z. Bennett school principal W. D. Elmer Smith in his opening remarks expressed appreciation to the Home and School Association for sponsoring the contest and outlined the rules and regulations. It began with class room speaking, advancing to intersperate and district levels, with the grand winner chosen in the Provincial finals during the convention at Easter.

On behalf of the Home and School Association, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, second vice-president, presented each contestant with the gift of a fountain pen as she congratulated the youthful speakers.

At the conclusion of the program, coffee and cookies were served by association members.

During the evening, seven young speakers were heard including six girls and one boy. Four were from the Robert Little school and three from the M. Z. Bennett school.

Last year the coveted Ben Rachlin trophy went to the M. Z. Bennett school. This year it was captured by the Robert Little school. The grade eight winner will have her name engraved on the trophy, which will remain in the school trophy cabinet.

Rule Builders Erect House Site Disputed Since 1955

Under discussion since 1955, a 38 ft. pie-shaped piece of property in Glenlea Subdivision, had its future decided during a six hour public hearing Thursday, January 19. Two members of the Ontario Municipal Board, under the chairmanship of William Greenwood, assisted by Arthur L. McGeechie, ruled that Thomas and Thomas, builders in the area, could erect a house on the site.

Under the direction of the chairman, town council were instructed to prepare an amendment to the zoning by-law to allow the erection of a single-family dwelling on the lot.

Before announcing the verdict, the chairman stated the board was reluctant to override decisions of municipal council and stressed this action was only taken if the board felt actions of council were not properly taken or if the board judges a council has acted arbitrarily or that a hardship may result.

Entitled to Relief

Mr. Greenwood told the hearing the main question to be decided was whether the applicants, Thomas and Thomas, were entitled to some relief on the remaining portion of lot 38. He stated the board was satisfied such relief was justified as the remaining portion of the lot in question closely met the requirements of the by-law in force at the time the plans for the subdivision were approved.

At the time the plans were approved, By-law 878 was in effect but was amended a short time later. Evidence brought out at the hearing indicated Thomas and Thomas were present at the approval of By-law 1128, but raised no objection to the changes made in sidelot clearances for building purposes. By-law 1128, adopted as a zoning by-law, replaced former by-law 878.

Weren't Present

Mr. Greenwood charged Thomas and Thomas had not followed procedure prudent persons would have followed. He stated it was difficult for the board to understand the lack of action of experienced builders familiar with zoning regulations.

In handing down the ruling, Mr. Greenwood stated the front yard clearance of the proposed dwelling would closely comply with By-law 878 in effect at the time original plans were approved. He stressed side yard clearances of eight feet on each side and six feet on the other would

have to be adhered to. He noted the building must meet all other requirements of an R2 Zone embodied in the present Zoning By-law 1128.

Lasted Six Hours

During the six hour hearing, which began at 10 a.m. and lasted through to 5:03 p.m. with a break for lunch, solicitor Jack Russell for the applicants Thomas and Thomas called as witnesses William Thomas, senior member of the building firm and his two sons George and Jack, as well as two former members of Acton council in 1955, E. G. Tyler Sr. and E. Footitt.

Acton council, represented by solicitor Aldo Braida, called as a witness clerk-administrator Jack McGeechie.

During the evidence, it was brought out that council in 1955

had given a verbal agreement to the builders that they would be able to secure a building permit when desired in exchange for a piece of lot 38 deemed to the town for a proposed roadway entrance into property at the rear expected to be utilized as parkland.

Verbal Okay

Mr. Tyler, first witness called, served as mayor in 1955 when original plans for the subdivision were approved by council. Under questioning by Mr. Russell, he told the hearing council at that time had agreed to allow a building permit on the remaining portion of lot 38 if the builders would deed a portion of the property to the town.

Asked why extracts of this conversation did not appear in Council Minutes, Mr. Tyler said they were not included in the minutes.

Two Acton Youngsters Confess To Malicious Damage at Ajax

Following the malicious damage created at Ajax Engineering plant two weeks ago, two Acton youngsters age 10 and 7 years, confessed to the crime and have been questioned by police.

Company officials are expected to assess the boys' parents for the damage caused and replacement value of missing parts of equipment.

On the weekend of January 14, 22 windows were smashed in the factory and heavy plastic material covering equipment stored in the yard ripped open and parts from 14 aqua towers ready for shipment, removed.

Plant manager William Coon and O.P.P. constable Bruce Iresher recovered several of the component parts under piles of lumber but between 15 and 20 parts are still missing.

Parents Pay Shot

A complete inventory of missing parts has been taken and replacement will be made by sending to Louisville, Kentucky where the towers were manufactured.

Mr. Coon expects his superiors to assess the boys' parents for the cost of the replacement of the broken windows as well as the cost price of the component parts.

Name George Harrap Moderator At Annual Meeting of Baptists

The members of the Acton Baptist Church met on Wednesday evening, January 18, for their annual business meeting. After a pot luck supper, the pastor led in a short devotional before calling the business meeting to order.

New in the nominating committee's responsibilities this year was the selection of a person to fill the position of church moderator. George Harrap, a deacon, was nominated and duly elected to the post. He presided at the remainder of the meeting.

Pastor James Rudd, who came to the church in July, reported regular Sunday morning and evening services and Wednesday night prayer and Bible study held with good attendance throughout the summer and fall. Highlights of the church program were a Brotherhood Service on October 16 with John Reimer of Oakville as speaker; anniversary services on October 23 with Rev. Harold Lang of McMaster Divinity College as speaker, and a week of evangelistic services, November 14-20 with the Rev. James E. Tetley as missionary.

Report Progress

The following organizations reported their progress for the year: board of deacons by Lyle McCutcheon; board of trustees by Mrs. Herbert Helwig; Mission Band and Women's Missionary Circle by Mrs. Charles Landsborough; Adult Fellowship by Mrs. John Chapman; Fellowship Fund by Wilmer Fryer; Baptist High Fellowship by Keith Dunk; and Cradle Roll by Mrs. Douglas Dunk.

Increased Givings

Mrs. John Chapman, church treasurer, reported an increase in weekly envelope givings. The major church project of 1960 was a renovation of the basement of the church, and Mrs. Chapman moved a vote of thanks to Lloyd Hilsley, chairman of the house committee, and those who gave their time in helping to implement this project.

Lloyd Bulmer, chairman of the finance committee, reported the financial progress in the general fund, missionary funds of the church and submitted a proposed budget for 1961, which was accepted by the members.

New Church Officers

The following church officers were elected on recommendation of the nominating committee:

Trustees: Mrs. Helwig, Fred West, Lloyd Bulmer. (This committee is not subject to annual election.)

Deacons: honorary life deacon, Fred West; to retire in 1962, Lyle McCutcheon; to retire in 1963, G. A. Harrap; to retire in 1964, Colin Baillie, Wilmer Fryer; ex-officio, Lloyd Bulmer.

Clerk: C. Landsborough, church treasurer, Mrs. John Chapman; financial secretary, Miss Alice Pilkington; mission fund-treasurer, Miss Eida Fryer; Sunday school superintendent, Lloyd Bulmer; assistant Sunday school superintendents, Mrs. Rudd; auditors, Lloyd Hilsley, H. Helwig.

Finance committee, Mrs. J. Chapman, Miss A. Pilkington.

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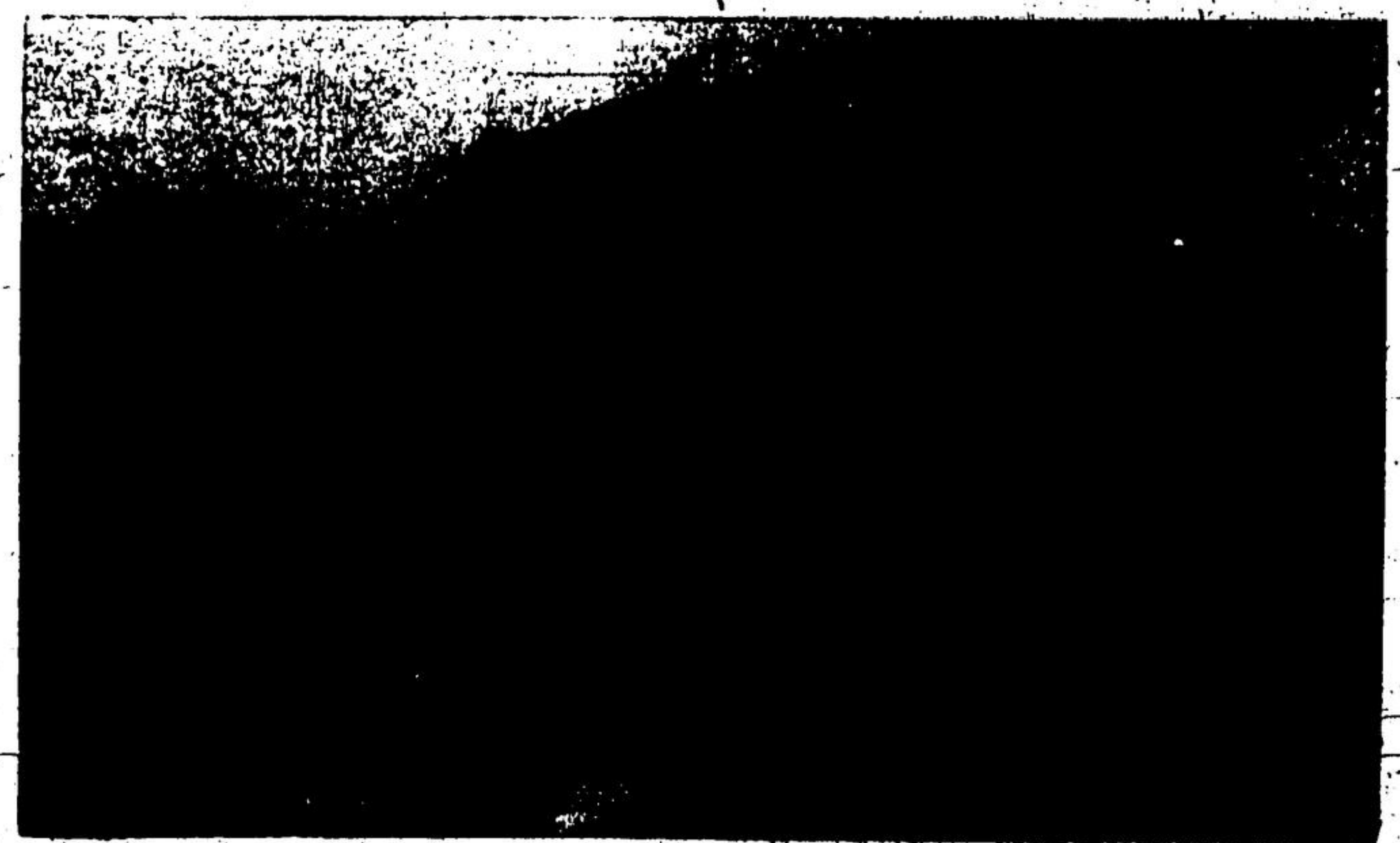
Firemen Win Three Awards In Fire Prevention Contest

Word was received recently from Fire Marshall M. S. Hurst of the Ontario Fire Marshall's office that Acton Fire Department had won three awards in the 1960 Fire Prevention Week contest.

Fire Chief Jack Newton and his department received acknowledgment by letter last week, learning they had placed 15th among municipalities in Ontario, 26th in the All-Canada awards out of 581 municipalities competing unclassified as to population; honorable mention for Canada in the 2,500 to 4,999 population classification, and third for Ontario in the same population grouping.

During the year, Fire Chief Newton had compiled a scrapbook which was entered in the competition containing newspaper clippings of all events the firemen participated in, including fires and other events. Pictures of fires, sports activities and events participated in were also included.

This is the first year Acton Fire Department has entered the contest and their efforts were well rewarded. A copy of the letter was forwarded to council as well, informing the members of the splendid participation of the department.



A \$250,000 LOSS, the large barn sales arena, office, bunkhouse and an apartment of Hays Sales Barns were leveled by fire early Saturday morning. Lost were 52 head of prize Holstein cattle valued at over \$30,000, all sold and slated for shipment to Mexico and Cuba. The fire was first noticed by passing Trafalgar police, and Trafalgar's two fire brigades were summoned to keep the flames from spreading. Owner Tom Hays has ordered the rebuilding of the barn, and future cattle sales are to be held in another Hays barn near Palermo.