

Burn \$1,200 Scout Hall Mortgage Friday During Baden-Powell '61 Variety Concert

A \$1,200 mortgage on the Scout Hall outstanding since 1952 took only seconds to burn to ashes Friday evening amidst cheers from over 200 Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, well as a record turnout of parents during the annual Baden-Powell concert held in the Robert Little public school auditorium.

The note-burning ceremony marked the success of the recent "Murder the Mortgage" campaign during which residents, industries and businesses in Acton and district were canvassed for donations to deplete the debt.

Rotary-Sponsored
Recently the Acton Rotary Club took over sponsorship of the Scout Movement in town and after formation of a new Scout Group Committee, the blitz to burn the mortgage took place.

Cheers rocked the school auditorium when chairman Jim Ledger informed the large crowd the campaign had gone over the top. He also announced the group committee had a surplus to provide equipment for the scout hall.

The group committee members, Gordon McKeown, Frank Prouse, Jim Ledger, Sid Newton, Bill Pendleton and George Haggitt, were all present to officiate at the mortgage burning ceremony.

Variety Show
Laughter rang out time and time again as the Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Scout Mothers presented an entertaining variety show, emceed by Sid Newton.

Headlining the 1961 Revue were the Scout and Guide Mothers as they presented their zany production of music—the world

over with an all-star cast of top notch musicians chosen from among their ranks.

Musical instruments used by the non-union orchestra comprised every household item including the kitchen sink, washboards, banjos, harps, whistles, horns, violins and bagpipes added a philharmonic touch to the orchestra's arrangements aimed at the cultured music lover.

Under the baton wielding of Mrs. Jim Pope, the orchestra squeaked out several madcap and jazz rhythms which delighted the audience. Taking part in the band were the following Scout and Guide Mothers: Mrs. Will McEachern, Mrs. Edward Blum, Mrs. Jack Davidson, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. A. Jeffers, Mrs. Sid Newton, Mrs. S. Dwyer, Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Mrs. Winnie Kerr, Mrs. Robert Foyers, Mrs. S. Jerome, Mrs. G. Haggitt, Mrs. J.

Newton and Mrs. Lorna Clarke. Balafooted and dressed in Hawaiian style, two of the ladies entertained with a hula dance as soft music floated through the hall, interrupted only by the occasional snort from the brass section and zany antics from one of the performers.

Rover Scouts entertained the audience with their "televized" rendition of a scene from Romeo and Juliet. Director Pete Newton

attempted to shoot the scene at least four times and painfully suffered the frustrations of most directors. His assistants, cameraman Ricky Currie, make-up artist Brian Otterbein, script writer Bob Hinton and lighting technician Randy Lidketz, shared the director's hardships as Juliet (Paul McGeechie), dressed in black leotards and blonde wig and Romeo (Bill Henry), attempted to perfect the well known balcony love scene.

Scouts from "A" and "B" troops presented a comedy depicting a typical day at camp which included some water tossing during a dish washing scene. The audience howled with laughter as the scout tossed "eggs" (empty shells) into the crowd.

Cubs of "A" pack, under the direction of Akela Al Capper, presented the "Hunger Dance of Kaa," and "B" pack Cubs, under the leadership of Akela Jessie Coles, delighted the crowd with campfire songs, ending with the Grand Howl.

Led by Brown Owl Mrs. Jim Pope and Tawny Owl Mrs. Winnie Kerr, Brownies of the third pack played games, danced and sang songs.

The Brownie String was re-enacted by second pack Brownies, under the leadership of Brown Owl Mrs. P. Dunne and Tawny Owl Mrs. J. Lingham. The story was read by Packie Vivian Smith.

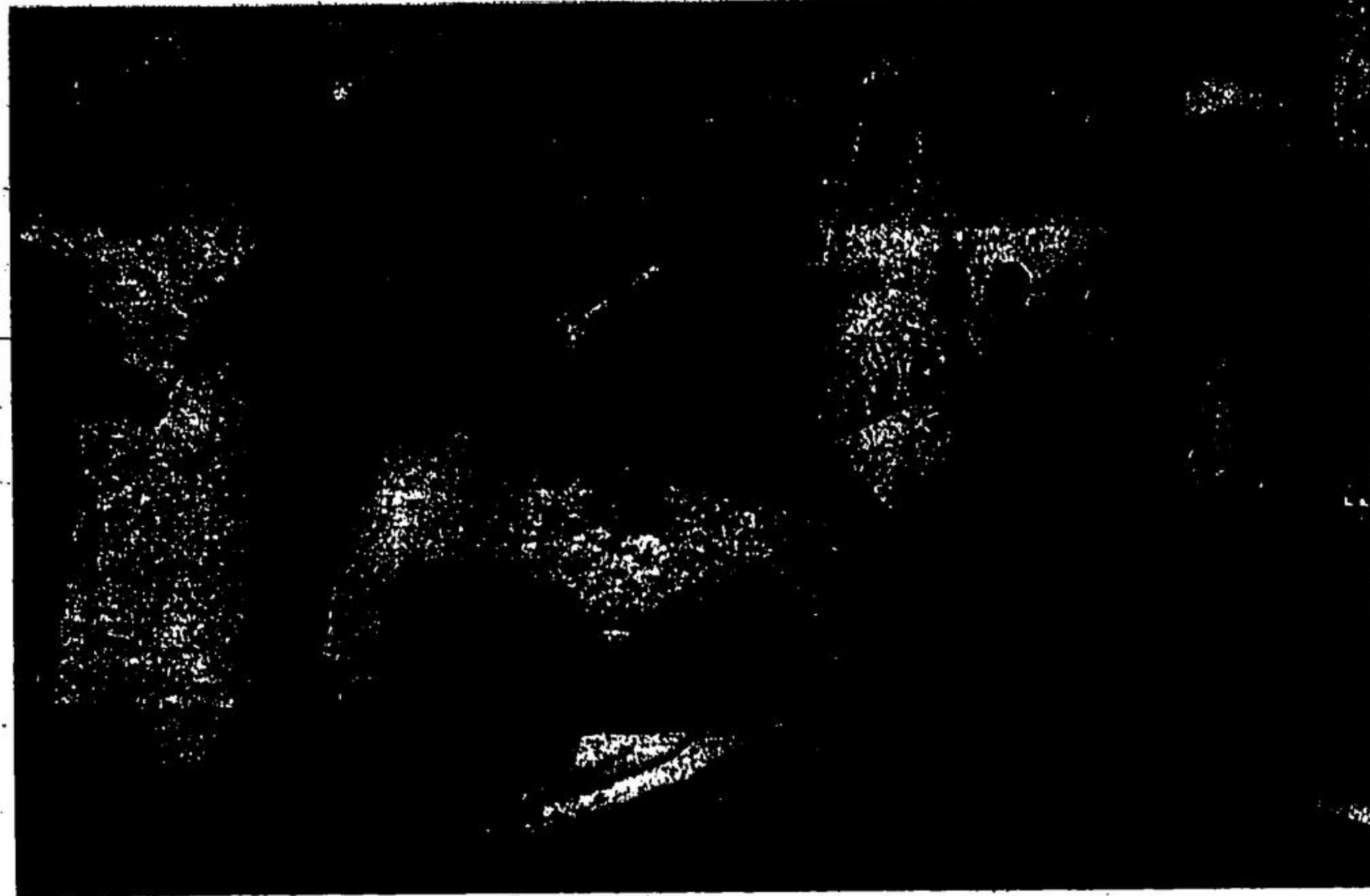
Directed by Brown Owl Mrs. Vera Matlocks and Tawny Owl Mrs. Joan Parks, Brownies from the first pack presented the "Wedding of the Painted Doll".

The full Girl Guide troop, under the direction of Lieutenants Mrs. J. T. Hurst and Mrs. Joan Barr, sang songs and entertained the audience with two dances.

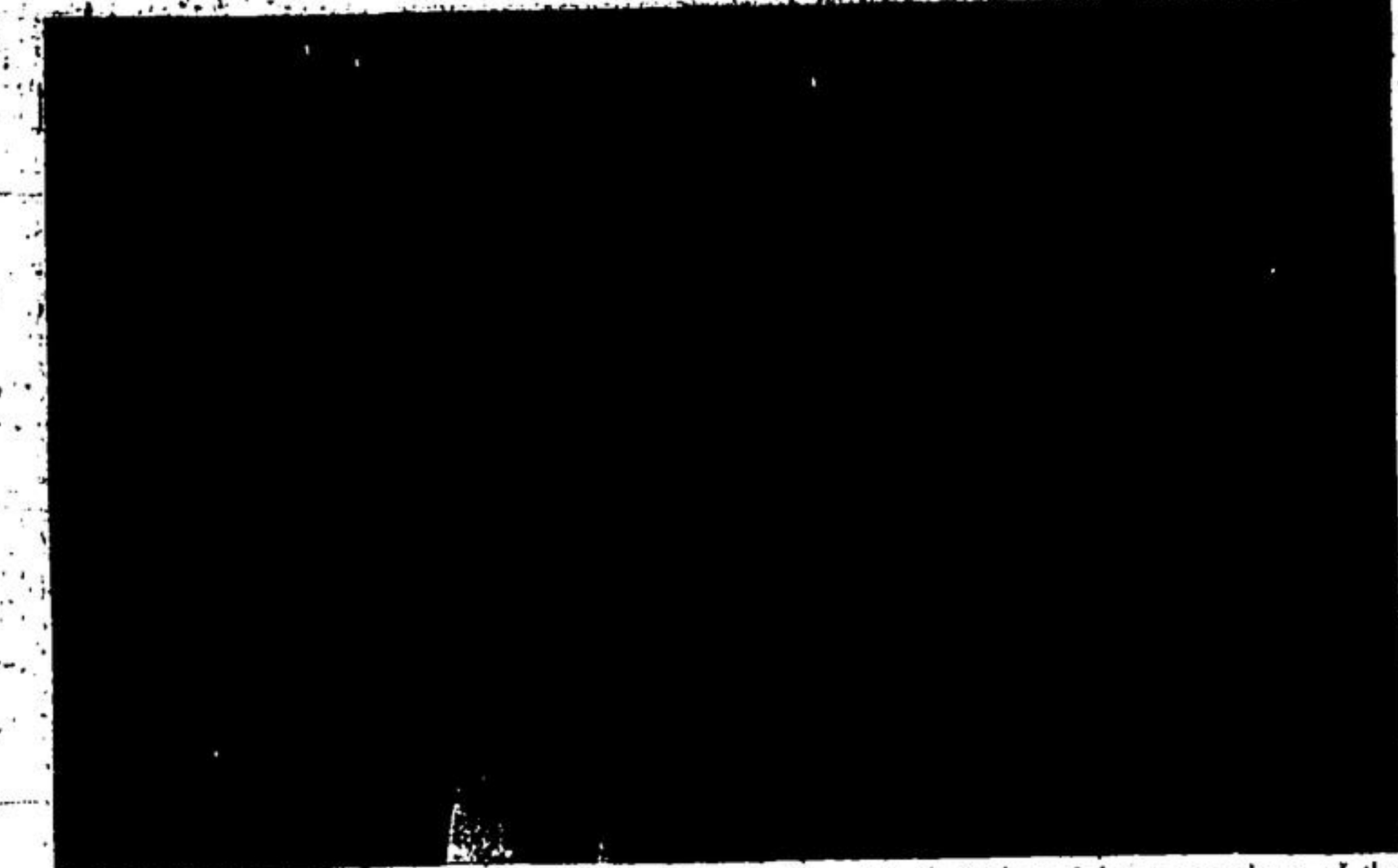
At the conclusion of the entertainment, Rover Skipper Ron Smith led the entire Scouting group in a massed choir as they sang "We're All Together Again", "Do, Lord" and the Scout Vesper song.



FIRST ACTON PACK Brownies presented the "Wedding of the Painted Doll" during the scout concert Friday evening. The group were directed by Brown Owl Mrs. Vera Matlocks and Tawny Owl Miss Joan Parks. Pictured front row, left to right, are Marsha McKenzie as Buster Brown, Christine Preston as the Jumping Jack and Debbie Jordan as Little Red Riding Hood. Back row left to right Frances Higgins, Arlene Wensley and Elaine Hughes as bridesmaids; Anne Gordon, preacher; Beverly McKnight, groom; Anne Blunn, bride; Debbie Slingerland, flower girl and Jennifer Bishop as bridesmaid.



SCOUT MOTHERS stole the show again this year during the presentation of the scout concert, Friday evening. Dressed as everything from hula dancers to hockey players, the group entertained the large audience with their musical renditions. Pictured above, front row, left to right, are Mrs. W. McEachern, Mrs. E. Blunn, Mrs. J. Davidson, Mrs. R. Foyers and Mrs. S. Newton. Back row, left to right, Mrs. J. Pope, Mrs. J. Jerome, Mrs. Lorna Clarke, Mrs. J. Dunn, Mrs. A. Jeffers, Mrs. H. Wilkinson and Mrs. Winnie Kerr.



UP IN SMOKE went a \$1,500 mortgage on the Acton Scout Hall, Friday night as members of the Scout Group Committee watched with interest. During a recent blitz of the town, citizens, merchants and industrialists pitched in and donated sufficient money to burn the mortgage, outstanding since 1952, leaving a comfortable balance for equipment. The mortgage burning took place during Baden-Powell Week Scout Concert. Pictured above left to right are Sid Newton, Frank Prouse, Bill Pendleton, Gord McKeown, Jim Ledger and George Haggitt.

GIRL GUIDE NEWS

(Anteped for last week)
We opened with God Save the Queen and the Guide prayer. Immediately following this, we separated into two groups for the rehearsal for Friday evening. The whole meeting was devoted to practising.

At campfire, we sang a few of the old favorites and then closed with "Softly Falls the Light of Day" and Taps.

Clerks, Treasurers Discuss Budgeting

Trafalgar Clerk S. A. Featherstone was named president of the Halton Clerks' and Treasurers' Association for 1961 at the first meeting of the group in Milton recently.

Oakville treasurer Ken Needham is vice-president and Roger Cloutier of Burlington is secretary-treasurer. The group meets about three times a year to discuss common problems, and plans a meeting in May.

At the meeting, four organization members led a discussion on municipal budgeting. Speakers were Mr. Needham, Oakville clerk; Dennis Cam, Trafalgar treasurer; John White and county treasurer Miss Margaret Maxted.

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Be sure to ask the Bell man about the many extra conveniences available to you with dial service.

BUSINESS CUSTOMERS are reminded to keep the coming number change in mind when ordering stationery or printed materials for their business.

C. S. KEITH, Manager

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Dial Soon

Bell to Begin Conversion

An important phase of the program to introduce dial telephone service in Acton will get underway shortly when Bell Telephone crews begin the pre-dial installation of new telephones, where necessary, also the conversion of existing sets to dial.

The introduction of dial service has been scheduled for late this year.

C. S. Keith, Bell manager for this region, said this week that the dial on the telephones should not be used until the actual change to the dial system. Until that time, telephone users wishing to place calls will simply lift the receiver and the operator will answer.

It is necessary to install and convert sets in homes and business establishments here well ahead of time, he stated, so that the switch from manual to dial service can be made with virtually no interruption in service.

Additional Phones
The Bell manager suggested that this would be a good time for Acton telephone users to consider the advantages of having additional telephones installed in the various living areas of their homes, such as the kitchen, bedroom, den and recreation room.

He pointed out that customers can save the cost of having these sets installed if the work is done while the installer is on the premises to change the main telephone. If a coloured telephone is desired, the regular one-time color change will apply. If the new space-saving "princess" phone is desired, there is a one-time "princess" charge and an additional monthly charge of 55 cents.

Coincident with the change to dial service, all Acton customers will receive new all-time numbers. These will consist of a three-digit prefix 833, followed by four other figures. Acton telephone numbers will then conform to the All Number Calling plan which will eventually encompass most of the telephones in Canada and the United States.

SHELL CRUSHER
The black drum, a fish of southern waters, has the means to crush small stones and shells at the back of its mouth.

THE BROWNIE STORY was portrayed by second pack Brownies during the scout concert Friday evening in the Robert Little school auditorium. Pictured seated in the rocking chair as Grandma is Brenda Denny. Other Brownies taking part in the play are, left to right, Cathy McGill as Tommy, Linda Lingham as Mary; Gail Dunne as Brown Owl and Barbara Nicolak as the Tawny, a sailor.