

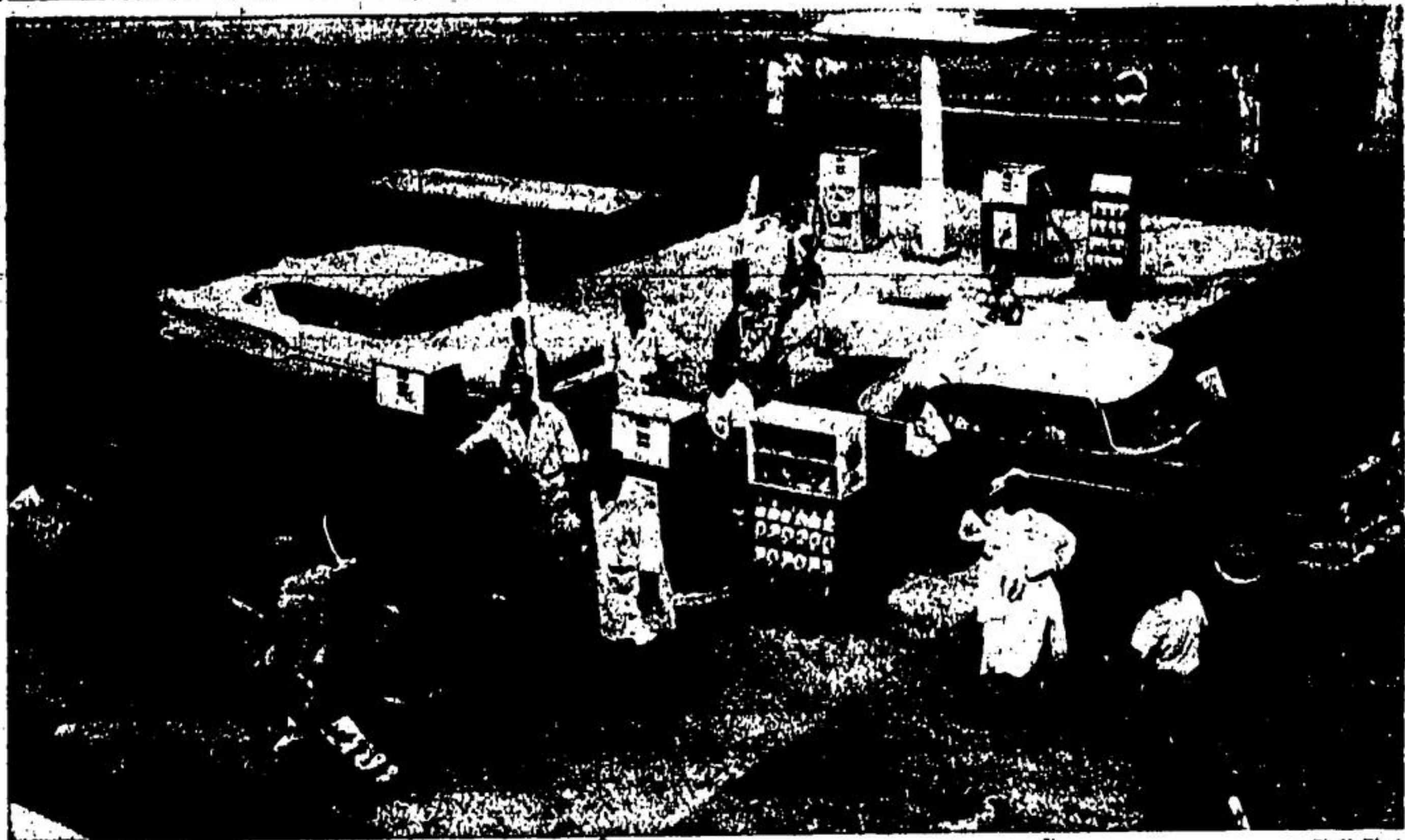
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LIONS CLUB MEMBERS were busy lads from early morning to late night on Saturday when they held a "Gasarama". Pictured above are a few of the patrons lined up for service during the afternoon. Wash jobs and gasoline were part of the service

supplied and not one driver was reported to have a dirty windshield when he left the lot. Lionettes dressed in their attractive costumes handed out free treats to the youngsters.

Lions Wage War on Cars, Raise \$200 Gas, Wash Cars, During Gasarama

Blaring music, jovial clowns and attractive girls dressed in gold and purple shortie outfits attracted a large crowd of motorists last Saturday when the Acton Lions Club staged a "Gasarama" at Jack McCallum's Service Station.

Tired and aching muscles resulted from the tedious but amusing 12½ hour day put in by club members as they washed cars, served gas and cleaned windshields to raise money for their Community Betterment Fund. An estimated \$200 was netted when final tabulation was made.

Begin Early
Beginning at 7.30 a.m., Lions donned white service coats and rubber boots to take a whirl at being service station attendants. During the day three members, carefully hidden beneath grease paint and gay clown outfits, entertained both children and

adults with their amusing antics. Waving brightly colored balloons, they directed passing motorists to the service station lot, where other Lions swarmed over the vehicles to give top-notch service. When driving away, the cars were spotless from stem to stern.

Children accompanying their parents were handed balloons, potato chips, chocolate bars, pop and popcorn by pretty Lionettes in attractive purple and gold uniforms. All the while, music blared from loudspeakers placed around the lot.

Lucky Draw
Tickets sold previously by the Lionettes proved lucky for three Acton motorists when a draw was made later in the evening during the Legion Saturday night dance. Winners were: first prize, 25 gallons of gas, Fred Laing; second prize, cocktail set, Lloyd

Brinks Armed Trucks Begin Bank Service

An ominous-looking steel truck with bullet proof windows, numerous locks and driven by armed guards, made its appearance in Acton Tuesday and was met by curious stares as it drew up at the Bank of Montreal.

Suddenly the front door opened and out stepped an armed guard who entered the bank and returned shortly and headed for Milton. Today (Thursday) the Brinks Express Company begins servicing the Bank of Montreal from its Toronto office.

During an interview this week bank manager William McKay reported the new service would be speedier than sending money via the C.N.R. money express. It is anticipated the Bank of Nova Scotia may adopt the same service but decision must be made on the return of manager Walter Woodburn who is on holidays.

On Tuesday the Brinks drivers made an "empty" run to test the timing along the route.

Food Important, But Training Essential As First Scouters' Wood Badge Course Begins

Blue Springs Scout Camp, located three miles west of Acton, officially opened its gates for the first Scouters' course last Sunday when 31 scouters and six headquarters crew arrived to begin their wood badge course.

The Scouters arrived from as far west as Saulx Sainte Marie north from Kirkland Lake, south from Windsor and east from Ottawa. The eight-day course will provide plenty of activity and training for the scouters and includes an overnight hike lasting 24 hours this Friday.

One of the most important aspects of scouting is a Scout's duty to God and Sunday morning every scout in camp visited the church of his denomination in Acton. In camp they have their own church chapel and every

morning a voluntary service is held.

Before the training period is over the Scouters will not only gain a complete knowledge of up-to-date training methods but will return home a few pounds heavier with appetites whetted.

According to the quartermaster (who does out the food every morning), 120 pounds of meat will be consumed, 320 quarts of milk, 40 pounds of butter, 120 loaves of bread, 350 pounds of fresh and canned vegetables and fruits, a variety of cereals and other light snacks such as cookies, cakes and the odd piece of pie. All food is purchased locally for each course.

The Scouters are divided into patrols, each one self-contained and camped in the Angus class.

own cooking. Inspections are regular and a keen eye is kept on the grease pit, underground toilet station and fires. Cleanliness is an important feature of the course and the headquarters crew is constantly on the lookout for a stray piece of paper or some refuse dumped in the wrong place.

Hot All Day
Instead of a bugle, a loud wailing siren wakens the scouters prior to 7 a.m. Everyone is kept on the hop until lights out at 10 p.m. During the training periods not a scouting stone will be left unturned including the following exercises: pioneering, rope work, mapping, campfire skills, general leadership and many others.

The course started this week is the first of six this summer last year until the Labor Day weekend.

Included on the courses will be Troop and Pack Scouters.

The present course is under the leadership of Dr. Harold Goddell, Saulx Sainte Marie assisted by George Chirwin, North Bay; Peter Kallaste, Smith Falls; Joe Hibbert, Toronto; Walter Harper, Gamebridge and Bob Taylor, North Bay.

Added Features, Special Prizes Boost Acton Fall Fair Interest

Added features and larger prize money are expected to boost entries in this year's Fall Fair and the president, secretary and directors are looking forward to the largest fair in many years.

Prize lists are expected to be published early in August, already the T. Green Amusement Centre has been engaged, and a large midway is scheduled to be set up in Prospect Park. The Fair begins Friday evening, September 15, and continues on Saturday, September 16.

Classes in many departments have been revised and in the junior section, new classes added to encourage additional participation. The officers of both men's and ladies' divisions have combined their efforts in order to make the fair a huge success.

Slight Variations
Rules for exhibitors are basically the same as other years with only slight variations made in certain classes. Pony classes are expected to be the largest in years with provisions made especially for the younger exhibitors.

In the horse classes special contests will include those of heavy and light road hack, jumpers, open work and junior working classes, saddle horses and jumper classes.

In the beef cattle division special awards will be given this year with the Bank of Montreal trophy being awarded to the grand champion male in the Aberdeen Angus show. E. Braida and Son will present their challenge trophy to the Grand Champion Female in the Angus class.

Challenge Trophies
In the commercial feature, Jim Ledger will present his challenge trophy for the Grand Champion Steer of all beef breeds and the Bank of Nova Scotia challenge trophy will be given to the exhibitor with the champion steer or heifer shown by either a boy or girl under 21 years of age. All challenge trophies donated remain in the possession of the winner for a year and an individual trophy is kept by them.

The Dairy calf exhibit this year will include Jerseys, Guern-

seys, Holstein and pure bred Avshires. A special in this class will be the addition of a dairy calf in three divisions open to any boy or girl. The T. Eaton award consisting of a silver tray and tea set will be given to the leading livestock exhibitor with points awarded in cattle, sheep and swine classes. Sheep and hog exhibits are expected to be larger than other years.

Make More Room
The board anticipates the largest entry in the poultry classes and directors are making plans to house the additional exhibits.

The Poultry division will comprise hens, chickens, ducks, geese and pet stock.

The commercial hay feature will be conducted as an educational display with each entry containing five pounds and shown in a cellophane bag. Each entry must be accompanied by a card stating the mixture and approximate cost of seeding one acre.

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Okay Plans, Hire Engineer, Order Plant As Arena Project Three Steps Nearer

Implementation of the Community Centre building program moved three steps closer to realization by the action of Acton Council on Tuesday evening. The three steps were recommended by the special building committee and accepted by council.

The purchase of a 60-ton refrigeration system was a major step. This equipment is to be purchased from Carling Breweries for \$3,000. A 40-ton system would be sufficient for the artificial ice at the arena but the availability and the price and the extra capacity in the unit which can be purchased from Carling's makes this equipment very attractive. The cost of the equipment now would be between \$12,000 to \$13,000.

A second step was engaging the engineering firm of J. A. Locke to dismantle the Carling equipment, inspect it and install the system in the Acton arena. The cost of the Locke contract will be in the neighborhood of \$14,000. This price also includes new equipment necessary for the system which is not available under the Carling purchase.

The third major hurdle was the acceptance of the final plans and specifications of the architects for the Community Centre. The plans are complete except for one drawing. The clerk was

authorized to advertise for tenders on this drawing. It is expected the tender can be out immediately and tenders should be in by the third week in August.

An agreement was authorized which will equip the fire department with two-way radios being supplied through the Emergency Measures Organization. The new equipment to be installed will provide instant communication between all fire departments in the county; between the fire hall and trucks on the road or at fires; and between individual trucks at fires. The capital cost of the equipment is being borne by the County and E.M.O. Responsibility for maintenance costs has not yet been determined.

New Hall for Ballinafad Voted at Monday Meeting

Ballinafad will have a new community hall.

A building committee was named at a public meeting Monday evening in the church basement, a full house proving the "wonderful interest" in the community.

There was much discussion on whether to build a new hall or wait to buy Blue Mountain school. Mr. Greenwood of Orangeville gave an estimate on erection of a new hall. After a vote, the hall carried.

On the building committee are John Hancock, Paul Wilson, C. E. Snow, Norman Sinclair, Mrs. Ernie McEnery, Mrs. Frank

Smith and Mrs. Robert McEnery. John Black was elected chairman for the meeting with Mrs. Ernie McEnery secretary.

Give Opinions
Among those there to give opinions were Cam Sinclair, reeve of Exeter township; George Wallace, reeve and Mel Bardeen, deputy-reeve of Erin township. Their views were greatly appreciated. Mrs. McEnery thanked them for their interest in coming and also Mr. Greenwood, Mrs. McEnery had opened the meeting and Mrs. Gibson moved its adjournment.

The project is supported by Ballinafad Women's Institute.

Open \$27,000 Hall For Erin Township

Predicting that Erin Township must move forward with the province, Hon. John Root, Minister without portfolio and MPP for Wellington Dufferin and a native of the district officially opened the Erin Township's new \$27,000 hall, Tuesday evening during an impressive ceremony.

Joining the residents of the township were members of federal, provincial, county and municipal governments as Rev. Pelham of Church of Christ Disciples, Hillsburgh dedicated the building to the common good of the municipality.

Mr. Root during his address outlined the history of the early development and government of the township. Terminating the opening of the new hall as another milestone, he outlined the first survey of the township and described a number of the earlier settlers and means of paying taxes.

Other speakers during the ceremony included Alfred D. Hales, M.P. for Wellington South, Harry Worton, M.P.P. for Wellington South, members of Erin Township council, Township road superintendent Henry Wheeler and contractor for the building William Hall, Chairman for the evening was Reeve George A. Wallace who is also warden of Wellington County.

At the conclusion of the program the large audience inspected the new building after which the Women's Institute served lunch.

Vacation Bible School Closing Program Friday

The auditorium of the Christian Reformed Church was filled last Friday evening when parents and friends watched the closing program of the Vacation Bible School. For the children, the evening was topped off with ice cream.

This is the third year the Bible School has been held and this year's attendance averaged 125 with some days up to 130. Of this, at least 60 do not normally attend the Christian Reformed Church.

This is the Rev. Jelle Nutma's second year as director. The sessions lasted mornings and afternoons for the past two weeks, culminating with the open night. Youngsters stayed at the church for lunch and milk was distributed. All the teachers remained for lunch, too, to supervise.

Friday Program
The program Friday included numbers by all the classes with solos, duets and recitations. Linda Ralston was chairlady and read the Scripture.

First on the platform were the youngest tots of the beginners class with their teachers, Mrs. J. Looyenga and Miss Grace Proper. The primary class with Mrs. H. Hazenberg and Miss A. Kamminga reached the stage by dividing into two groups, one on the platform at the beginning and the other progressing to the front as they recited alternate verses

of Scripture. They later sang unaccompanied.

The youngsters under Miss J. Lawrence and Mrs. J. Krul, explained each week had been different. The first week they studied David and Goliath and the second week Jesus' birth, his life and miracles. They had a large flannelgraph map and placed on it cards relating to their study. They had made ingenious musical instruments and accompanied themselves singing Alleluia. A type of castanet was made with pop bottle caps strung

across a wooden frame. There were drums and cymbals.

The Rev. J. Nutma's intermediate class had made a large panel relating to their study of Gospel of St. John, with a line of numbers of the chapters and many mixed symbols representing these chapters. Members of the class took turns with a pointer pointing to the right number relating to a certain symbol and if they were correct, a buzzer sounded. They had studied 21 chapters in the two weeks.

"Stained Glass" Panel
Displays of work in the various classrooms were fascinating. The young people had had ample time to accomplish worthwhile projects during the school. Most striking of all was a "stained glass window" — a panel of colored Biblical pictures backed by illumination. This was made by the primary students.

All the students received certificates of attendance. Mr. DeVries, representing the consistory of the Christian School Society, thanked the teachers heartily and presented them with gifts.

The program closed with prayer by J. Kamminga, representing the consistory of the Christian Reformed Church.

The Vacation Bible School proves very popular and beneficial each year and will likely be held again next summer.

Close Park

Blaming untreated, raw sewage for polluting a river running through Willow Park, Norval, park owner W.H. Louth, Sunday afternoon closed the place for the first time in 20 years and claimed he may never open it again to the public.

Passed Buck
Sunday afternoon he turned away 40 carloads of patrons and posted a sign reading "Closed because of Georgetown sewage." Mr. Louth claimed every government official he talked to has given him the run around or passed the buck.

The park is a popular spot for picnickers and has been constantly in operation for 20 years.

United Church Disappears After 86 Years Foresee Christian Education Building There

Eighty-six years ago this month, the United Church building was officially opened. This week, the condemned structure is being demolished.

The demolition is to be completed by August 19 and the land utilized for a parking lot immediately. Plans for the future call for the erection of a new Christian Education building where the old church stood.

The building was condemned two years ago, after a large piece of plaster from the ceiling crashed to the floor following a Sunday morning service. Engineers viewed the structure and advised the Church Board the building was unsafe for further occupation.

This decision sparked a campaign to erect a new sanctuary and last year, the fine new edifice was officially opened. Portions of the older building were utilized for Sunday school classes and church services were held in the Y.M.C.A. during the construction of the new church.

Lights Dim
After the old church was condemned, workers removed tower corner pieces, lights were dimmed and activity around the building became less each Sunday.

Pews and furnishings were removed by voluntary workers and some given away. Others are being stored in the Free Press building on Willow St. This week, Reg Armishaw Demolition Construction, Guelph, began tearing down the interior structure and

removing salvagable portions of wood. Tuesday, a hole appeared in the roof and workers began removing shingles and boards, leaving only joists standing erect, waiting their doom.

Many older citizens stood silently watching workmen demolish the structure as they fondly recalled memories of earlier years.

Back in 1875
Following a series of successful special services held in the old frame church on Church St., it was decided to purchase the lots on Mill St. and erect the new building. The cornerstone was laid September 17, 1875, by David Lewes, one of Acton's early settlers who operated a flour mill at that time.

Rev. J. C. Stevenson was pastor at the inception of the movement for the new building and Rev. George W. Cavert was pastor when the opening took place July 1, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Ives, New York, famous Divine for opening churches, was engaged to preach the opening services and solicit subscriptions toward the debt. People crowded the church and it is reported the guest minister was successful in raising the entire amount of debt in promises. However, it was not until 20 years later that the last mortgage was retired.

To make room for the recent church building, additional land was purchased on the east side of the old building and houses removed to make way for the

new structure.

In earlier years, one of the houses served as a butcher shop and later, in 1879, George Stoddard opened an oyster parlor in the front section of the home formerly occupied by the late Mammie Masales. This was the first time oysters had been served publicly in Acton.



Demolition Started this Week at United Church