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## Award \$37,115 Arena Contract Centre Construction Under Way

At a special Council meeting Friday evening the final hurdle in the Community Centre planning was taken when council unanim-

ously agreed to accept the tender of J. B. Mackenzie and Son. The \$37,115 tender is for the actual construction, plumbing, heating

and ventilating of the Community Centre building on the west end of the arena. With this final approval, the only thing left for the whole project is actual construction by the contractors. Monday morning, workmen were on the site excavating the basement and Tuesday, concrete footings were poured.

**Almost Complete**  
At the east end of the arena, the construction of the equipment room is practically completed. Workmen applied the roofing on

Monday and Tuesday. J. H. Lock and Company workmen are busily engaged in installing the ice making equipment in the new building. The two main refrigerant lines have been fabricated and are being installed in the header trench at the east end of the building.

### Await Transformers

In the equipment building, the electrical room awaits the installation of the transformers. The underground conduit has been laid to bring the hydro wires

from the park entrance to the electrical room.

All drainage tile under the ice surface has been installed. The final six inches of sand have been put on the arena surface.

Work set to be finished on the project includes, final leveling of the ice surface, installation of the pipe on the ice surface, completion of the ice equipment, installation of the electrical equipment and the completion of the Community Centre building at the west end.

## 145 Fathers, Sons Attend Scout Banquet, View Films

Films on Gilwell Park in England, shown by Sea Scout Skipper George Conley of Oakville, highlighted the Father and Son Banquet Tuesday evening, sponsored by the Scout Group Committee.

Present in the Legion auditorium for the occasion were 145 fathers and sons. The Scout and Guide Mothers' Auxiliary, who catered for the dinner, were forced to set up additional tables to accommodate the large crowd.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie of Knox Presbyterian church gave the blessing. After the singing of The Queen, a toast to the Queen

was proposed. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Rotarian and group committee member Jim Ledger, who welcomed the fathers and sons to the banquet and urged everyone to take an active part in the promotion of scouting in Acton.

**Reviews Activities**  
Mr. Ledger reviewed the past summer's activities in the scouting movement since it came under Rotarian sponsorship. He noted a successful summer camp had been held at Grand Bend. He told the fathers it was the hope of the committee to hold another Rotarian-sponsored camp next year in the north.

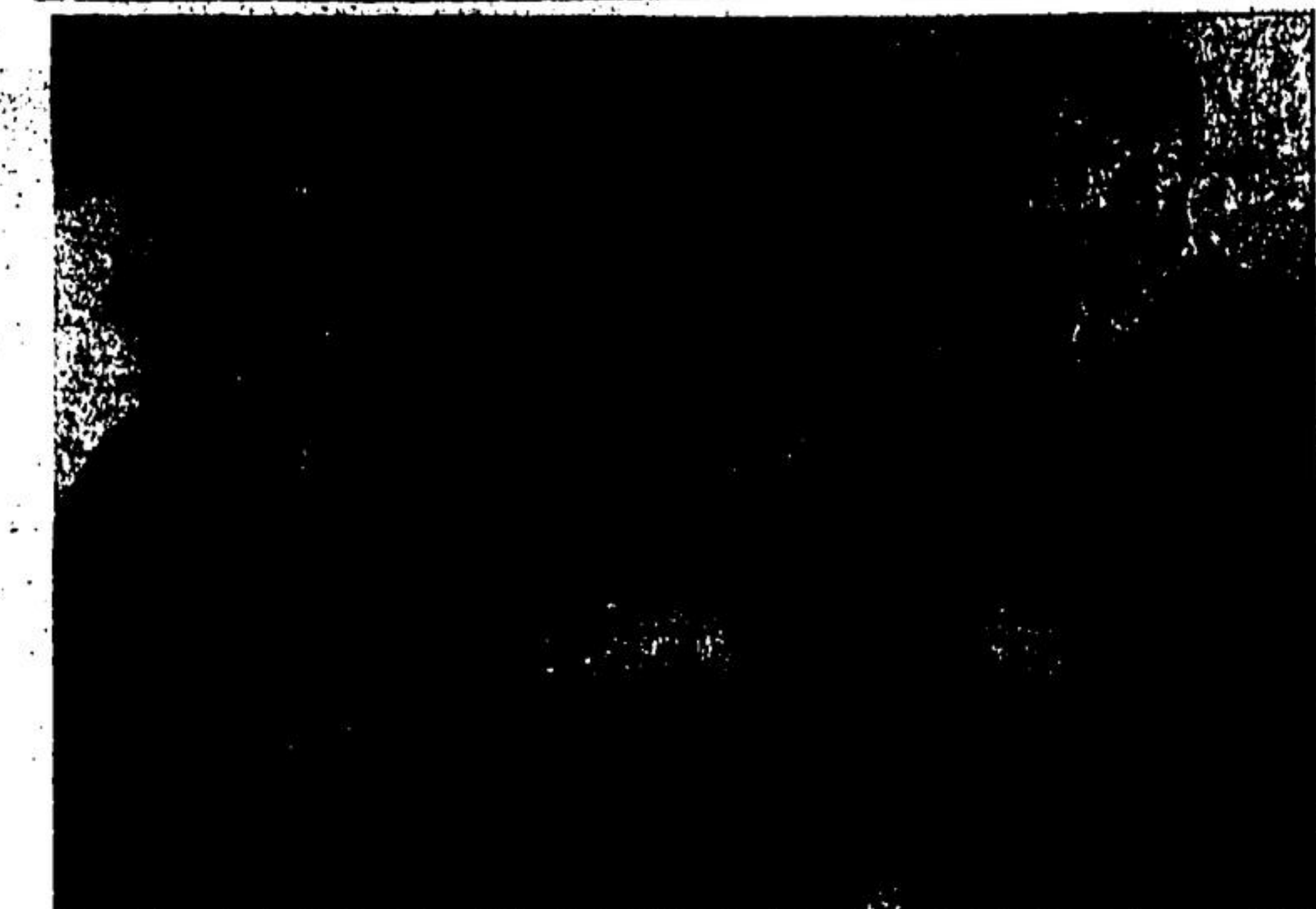
Every father was invited to attend a scout or cub meeting at the scout hall and witness proceedings. Mr. Ledger stated additional construction would be necessary at the scout hall in the near future.

Gordon McKeown, chairman of the scout group committee, was introduced. He welcomed everyone and extended an invitation for everyone to assist the scout movement in Acton.

A toast to the fathers was proposed by troop leader George Ware and responded to by Franklin Prouse. Rover scout Bill Henry led the group in a singing, after which senior scouts presented a skit.

When guest speaker George Conley was introduced, he told his audience, "Boys are our most important product" and told how leaders were trained to take care of the scouts by means of the film he showed.

Members of the Girl Guides assisted the Scout and Guide Mothers' Auxiliary in serving the dinner. Special guests in attendance included Deputy Mayor Rev. A. H. McKenzie and District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, Bob Gardiner.



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**LIMEHOUSE CHURCH** basement was filled to capacity Sunday morning, following the Anniversary service, when the ladies of the church served lunch. Pictured above, left to right are Mrs. John Creighton, president of the Women's Auxiliary, as she serves Mrs. William Mitchell, president of the Women's Missionary Society and A. W. Benton, treasurer of the Board of Management.

## Anticipate Five-Room Addition For Acton District High School

A five-room addition to Acton District High School will receive consideration by board members during their November meeting, following a recommendation by principal E. A. Hansen Monday evening.

During Monday night's meeting, Mr. Hansen gave a complete breakdown of the present enrollment at the school, noting 365 students were presently enrolled.

He pointed out there are five grade 9 classes, three grade 10, two grade 11, one grade 12 and one grade 13.

The principal stressed that classrooms are built to accommodate 35 pupils comfortably and any extra students in a room would cut down the teaching efficiency.

It was suggested the proposed five-room addition include a laboratory, three standard classrooms and a cafeteria. Board members agreed to review the problem during their November meeting.

At present in the school, there are 15 teaching areas including the home economics and industrial arts rooms and the auditorium.

## Brigade Future Shady Recruits Needed Now

First Aid courses under the sponsorship of St. John Ambulance Brigade proved to be a big disappointment, Wednesday evening, when only two volunteers appeared.

Following the disappointment, superintendent R. S. Hart, pointed out that one more effort would be made to hold classes

and unless sufficient interest was shown, it would be necessary to discontinue classes.

Mr. Hart also expressed his concern that the local brigade faced a possibility of being abandoned unless more recruits were enlisted, to boost the membership.

Since their adoption in Acton, the brigade has been quite active at every public function and offered their services free of charge at the bathing beach and during the past few years have attended to many minor casualties.

"Unless public interest is shown to a greater extent than at present, the Acton division faces a great possibility of being disbanded," stated the superintendent, as he emphasized the need for more recruits according to statutes laid down by headquarters.

A division must maintain a limited number of members in order to continue with their charter.

Next Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A., one more attempt will be made to encourage citizens to take a first-aid course. Failing this, Mr. Hart cannot ascertain the future of the division in Acton.

Cam Leishman, caretaker at the Post Office, received his 25 year service pin today.

## Lift Ban on School Restrictions Open Door for Public Applications

Restriction for use of High School property by students and staff members only was lifted Monday evening when a previous resolution was rescinded.

During the October meeting, when chairman E. S. Force, trustees W. Coon, Rev. D. Engel and W. Swackhamer, were present and trustee D. Moffat absent, the rescinding resolution was approved 3 to 1.

Formerly, use of school property was restricted to student activities under staff supervision and activities involving staff members.

Under the new ruling, organizations within the district area, may make application to the board for use of the property. Approval is subject to the consent of the board.

Rev. Engel, in sponsoring the resolution, told his colleagues that in the early years of the school's existence, certain decisions of policy had to be made, but since the origin of the school, times have changed and the policy should do likewise.

"Up to the present time, the school activities have all been commendable, but there are others equally as commendable but knowing the school board's policy, the ruling was never challenged," stated Mr. Engel.

Trustee Coon stated his disapproval of opening up the school to the public and chairman E. S. Force stated he was on the board to provide "Education" not to operate a rental agency.

Anyone desiring the use of school property will now have to make application in writing to the board and agree to such terms and conditions as the board may establish from time to time.

**Bridge Lessons**  
An application from teacher W. D. Coates for use of a room to teach bridge lessons to a prospective class of 30, was reviewed and decision delayed until further information could be obtained.

The board learned from the teacher that several persons had contacted him regarding giving bridge lessons and interest grew until an anticipated class of 30 is expected. Mr. Coates explained in his letter that accommodation in a private home for this number of pupils was impossible and requested consideration of a room at the school. He pointed out that lessons only would be given and no actual playing would take place.

Trustee Coon inquired if the Department of Education from ed on teachers taking outside

jobs and asked if this would come under the same category, as Mr. Coates would be charging for the lessons.

**Frown But Not Enforce**  
Chairman Force noted the Department only frowned but did not set down any regulations. Principal E. A. Hansen suggested if the lessons came under the jurisdiction of the Night School, it might possibly be okay. It was later learned the Night School authorities failed to recognize Bridge as a regular subject.

Rev. Engel enquired the cost of operation to the board for Night School classes and after a lengthy review of figures, it was decided to postpone decision until actual Night School costs could be ascertained in order to decide on a possible rental for classrooms.

**Receives Bonus**  
Principal Hansen in reporting to the board recommended that staff teacher Clarence Rogovin be recognized for his efforts in conducting a special Geography class from 8:15 a.m. until school started in the morning.

Mr. Hansen explained the reason for the extra class resulted from the fact that the required Geography class had been increased from three to four and in order for many of the students who were short one option for their grade 12 certificate to acquire this, the teacher had volunteered the extra class.

The board recognized the teacher's efforts with a \$400 bonus payable in two instalments, \$200 in December and the balance in June. Trustee Coon expressed his alarm regarding setting a precedent.

The principal also informed the board that Miss Sally Thornton would be the school nurse for the year and recommended a desk be obtained for the nurse's room.

**Inspectors**  
The board learned also that five inspectors from the Department of Education visited the school and observed teaching of French and English.

**Street Signs**  
New signs designating the named streets are being installed this week by town workmen. The signs clearly indicate the names of streets and are visible from a distance.

Signs are being placed this year on Mill St. from the intersection of Mill and Main Sts. to Church Hill and in Glenlea and Lakeview subdivisions.

## View Exam Results At Board Meeting

A comparison of students' results at Easter and June examinations was reviewed Monday evening during Acton High School board's October meeting and members expressed their pleasure with the results.

A comparison with Easter and June examinations are listed below.

**GRADE NINE**—total enrolment 134; total papers tried 1,091; total papers passed 832; Easter totals were 1,118 tried and 806 passed.

**GRADE 10**—enrolment 89; exams tried 727; exams passed 593; June totals 738 and 583.

**GRADE 11**—total enrolment 53; exams tried 278; exams passed 229; Easter totals were 292 and 226.

**GRADE 12**—total enrolment 28; exams tried 236; exams passed 190; Easter totals were 236 and 171.

**GRADE 13**—total enrolment 20; papers tried 151; papers passed 109; Easter totals were 162 and 109.

## Okay Sweeps

Nassagaweya Township council has approved a plan to legalize hospital sweepstakes as a means of supporting hospitals.

Monday evening councillors put their stamp of approval to a Peel County resolution petitioning the Federal Government to legalize lotteries to finance public hospitals.

Township hunting licence issuers Don McMillan, Norm Marshall, H. E. Purdy and Ed Jennings were named by J. Law. Election clerks were granted a \$4 increase and accounts totalling \$718.45 plus a road superintendent's voucher of \$2,371.47 were approved.

## Fair Photos

This week the staff of the Free Press had the opportunity of viewing photographs taken by Richard Harris during the Acton Fall Fair. Mr. Harris is the dean of correspondents for the Free Press and is an adept camera man.

## Mayor Supports Course

This week, Mayor John H. Gov urged every citizen to take the Basic Rescue Course as he outlined the importance of first-hand knowledge in the event of a disaster.

"The E.M.O. has been organized in Halton county in an effort to acquaint everyone with the importance of survival and if even one life can be saved through this training, it is a worthwhile cause," he stated.

Mr. Gov explained that organizations can play their part in the event of a disaster by serving coffee, providing blankets, assisting rescue officers, and by having a knowledge of first aid.

## Council Seeks 30 Mile Limit Through Stewarttown Village

Esqueping Council this week asked the county engineer to reduce the speed limit through the village of Stewarttown to 30 miles per hour. The action followed a protest from Esqueping Women's Institute about speeding trucks being a safety hazard to children walking along the side of the road to Stewarttown school.

Council will ask that the 30 mile per hour limit be enforced

## Organize Basic Rescue Course Classes to Begin Monday Oct. 16

Arrangements have been completed for a basic rescue course to begin in Acton, Monday, October 16. The course will be under the supervision of the County of Halton Emergency Measures Organization. It will be headed by Bruce McGregor, county coordinator.

Acton and district residents, including any organizations, will be able to take this training at the Y.M.C.A. Arrangements were completed for the training headquarters through the mayor and the Y.M.C.A. board.

**Weekly Training**  
Training will be held every Monday evening at 8 p.m. and continue through the winter months. Anyone 16 years of age and over is eligible to take the course. Mr. McGregor stated this week.

L. A. Thorne, chief rescue instructor, will be in charge of the training and will teach basic rescue, first aid and other important aspects in the event of a local or national emergency.

In an interview with the county coordinator this week, it was learned that every citizen should take an interest in the course and be fully qualified to cope with any emergency which may arise. Mr. McGregor stressed the importance of this knowledge in the event of a fire, flood, hurricane or natural disaster and pointed out the importance of citizens being able to assist firemen, police and E.M.O. officials when they are called upon to do so.

## Staggered Noon Hour Subject to Change

The 40-minute noon hour adopted at Acton District High School is expected to change sometime in the near future and students will enjoy an 80 minute lunch period as soon as plans are complete.

Principal E. A. Hansen reported this week that due to cancellation of inter-grade sports activities since the adoption of the staggered noon hour it has been necessary to revise the schedule and when this is complete the longer eating period will go into effect.

At present grades 10-11-12 hold their noon hour from 11:50 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and grades nine and 13 go home from 12:30 pm until 1:10 pm.

## Board Approves Re-Zoning Paves Way for Liquor Store

Acton Planning Board last Thursday evening agreed to recommend the rezoning of two lots on Longfield Road from R2 residential to C1 Commercial. The two R2 lots are now owned by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario and are immediately to the rear of the C1 lot owned by the LCHO fronting on Queen Street east at Longfield Road. The LCHO acquired the two R2 lots when the \$5,000 building could not be built on the C1 lot and meet the requirements of the zoning by-law.

The Planning Board held a public hearing, to which property owners in the area had been invited. Present at the meeting was Murray Brown of B. G. Landow and Partners, architects of the LCHO store to explain to the Planning Board and residents the proposal for the use of the property.

**No Objections**  
When polled by the Planning Board, the residents of the area expressed no objection to the rezoning of the property. However, the residents strongly urged the Planning Board to ensure the property would be well landscaped and maintained.

Norm Brandt suggested "I have no objection to this but I suggest the Planning Board get some assurance the property will be well maintained and I would suggest a little more landscaping on Longfield Road."

Mayor Johnny Gov: "I think there should be a fence along the westerly side of the LCHO property."

Peter Papillon: "We do want it landscaped. Some of the work pretty hard to keep our lots nice."

Ted Tyler Sr.: "I would prefer a nice sodded area (next to the Tyler property) with an unobstructed view."

Mr. Brown, architect: "I think you can rest assured that the LCHO will landscape and maintain the property in excellent condition."

## Hydro Approves Scheme To Promote Electricity

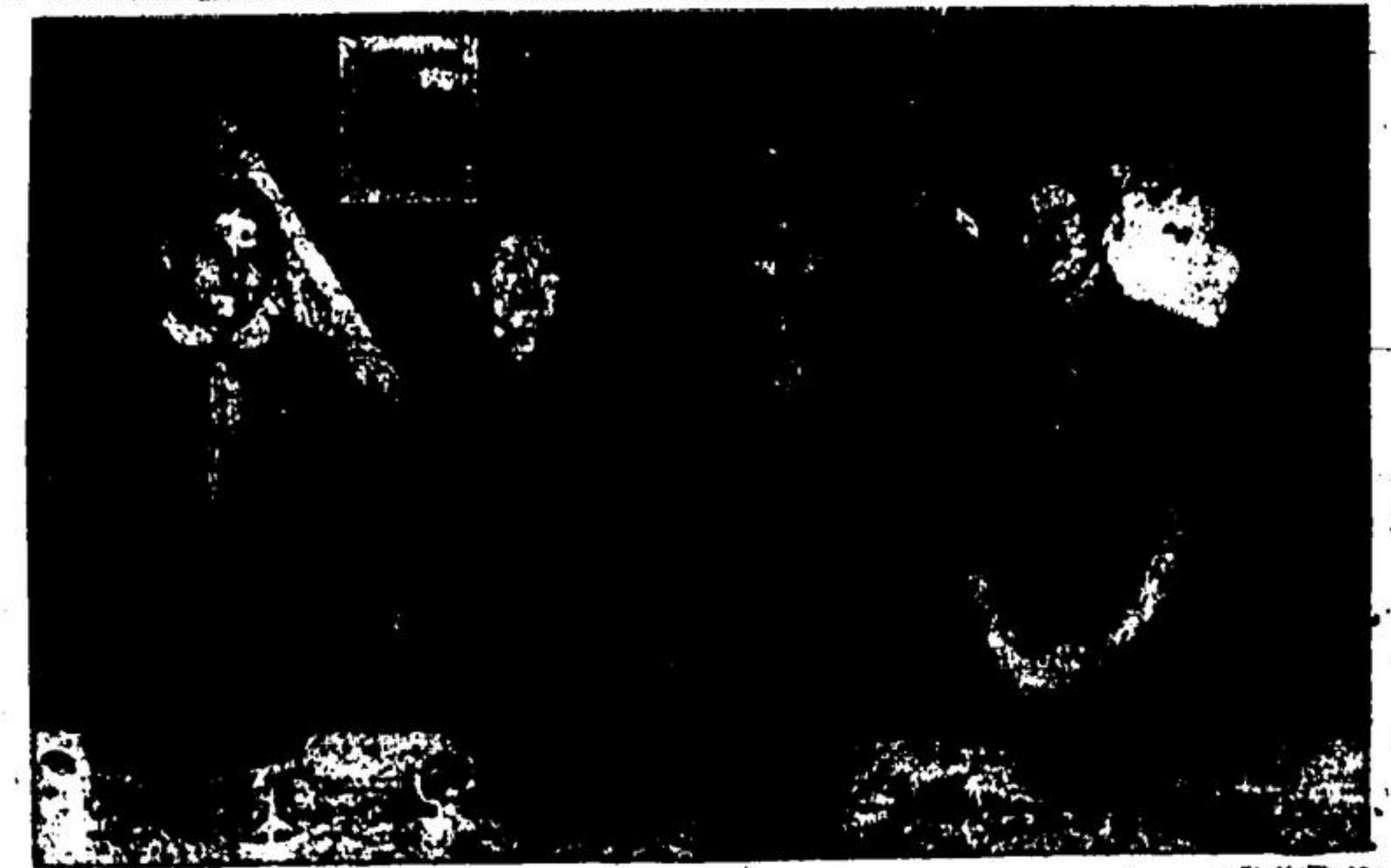
Acton and area residents purchasing an electric dryer this winter can be assured of plenty of warmth following the Hydro Commission's decision to participate in "Operation Sunshine Special". This action was made during a special meeting Friday evening.

Under the new scheme, three participating merchants will share the cost of an electric blanket with the local commission, blanket manufacturer and Ontario Hydro. With every purchase of an electric dryer, "patrons will receive an electric blanket free, in order to promote the sale of electricity."

**Promote Electricity**  
Earlier this summer, a similar scheme called "Operation Sunshine" allowed purchasers of a combination freezer-refrigerator a certain amount of free provisions for the appliance.

Commissioners discussed a proposed new rate for electrical heating and it was agreed to review the proposal at the next meeting.

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason was authorized to attend the Metermen's Association meet-



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**FATHER AND SON** banquet for Scouts, Cubs and their fathers was held Tuesday evening in the Legion Auditorium. Pictured above left to right are guest speaker George Conley, Sea Scout Skipper from Oakville, assistant Cubmaster Jessie Coles, Regional Commissioner Bob Gardiner and scoutmaster Bruce Williamson. Scout and Guide Mothers catered for 145 hungry adults and boys during the evening.