

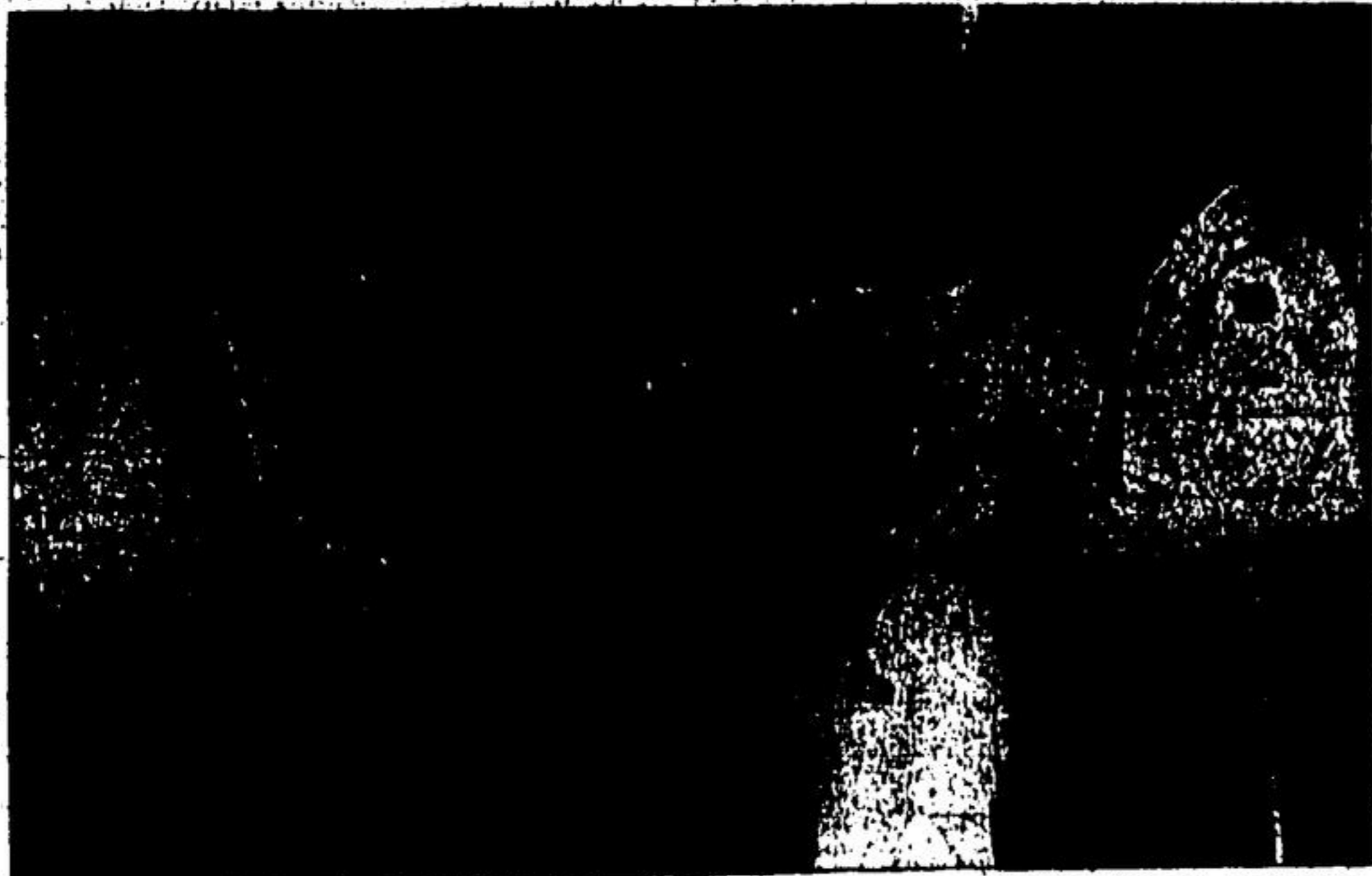
# The Acton Free Press.

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**HOUSEHOLD SAFETY** was stressed during their blitz-Tuesday evening when they called at every home with Fire Prevention literature. Pictured above left to right are Firemen Dorson, Frizzell, Ken Hodgson and Bill Knight as they explain the common hazards in a home to Rev. Dwight Engel, Mrs. Engel, son Tommy and daughter Miriam. Nearly every family welcomed the firemen and received the literature. It is hoped that every resident will become more fire-conscious not only during this week but each week of the year.

## Firemen, Inspectors Blitz Town To Seek Possible Fire Hazards

Fire Chief Jack Newton, Deputy Chief Mick Holmes and six firemen accompanied by seven Fire Insurance underwriters and G. L. de Laplante, supervising engineer of the Canadian Underwriters Association, staged a blitz of industrial and commercial business places Wednesday morning in search of possible fire hazards. The program was in keeping with Fire Prevention Week.

The men pointed out safety factors to company and business managers and stressed the importance of safety factors at all times in order to prevent fires.

Following the blitz members of the Acton and Georgetown Fire Departments as well as inspectors

and other invited guests enjoyed a chicken dinner at Georgetown where discussions took place regarding fire prevention.

**Countywide**

The blitz was held in Acton and Georgetown this year and other centres in Halton will hold fire hall open houses, drills and distribute safety pamphlets. Every third year two towns in Halton stage the blitz of industry and commercial enterprises, under the direction of the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau.

Tuesday evening Acton fire-fighters distributed Fire Prevention literature to every home and Friday will conduct fire drills and displays at schools in town and district.

Saturday is Open House at the Fire Hall and every citizen is urged to meet their firefighters and view the firefighting equipment. Questions will be answered and tea and cookies served.

**Church Parade**

Sunday winds up the week with a mass church parade in Georgetown at which representatives of every Fire Department in the County will be present.

Chief Newton and Deputy Chief Holmes this week stressed the importance of being fire safety conscious 52 weeks every year, and not adopt a careful manner only during Fire Prevention Week.

## 25 Year Service Pin Awarded Cam Leishman by Works Dept.

Cam Leishman, caretaker of the Federal Post Office in Acton, had 25 years of service recognized Wednesday, October 4, when Donald Telfer, district supervisor for the Public Works Department of Ontario, presented him with a 25-year pin. Mr. Leishman is the seventh public works employee in Ontario to receive this award.

On January 7, 1962, he will have completed 26 years of service. His duties began back in 1936 and include taking care of the Post Office and Customs Office located in the 36-year-old federal building on Mill Street.

**Receives Congratulations**

Present to congratulate the caretaker on his award were postmaster Gordon McKeown and assistant postmistress Mrs. Chris Britton. The popular caretaker is assisted in his duties by his wife, Mrs. Jean Leishman, who shares in the credit for the immaculate appearance of the building.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Leishman paid tribute to the Post Office

## C.N.I.B. Canvass

Ring of doorbells has begun for the annual drive for funds for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. About 25 volunteer canvassers from both Acton branches of the I.O.D.E. have until the end of the month to complete their calls throughout the town.

For the first time, industries are being canvassed too and the response so far is termed "Marvellous". The yearly drive has always been successful. Four Actonians benefit from the C.N.I.B. program.

Mrs. A. E. Newton is in charge and any person not contacted for a donation should call her.

## 350 Pound Bear

Instead of this, they decided to hit the trail for wild game. On Friday, Jim Forbes bagged the 350 pound bear, which stood seven feet tall on its hind legs. According to the hunters it looked like an elephant as it charged down the path.

The hunter's guns had a two-day rest Sunday and Monday as no game was sighted but Tuesday morning Doug Sheppard added a notch to the butt of his rifle when he downed the first moose. It weighed in at 1,000 pounds, and had a 50 inch horn span.

That evening the hunters returned to their tents, quite hap-

## Assessment Deadline Assured Assessor Removes All Doubt

Doubt was lifted regarding the completion of Acton's assessment rolls by November 30, Tuesday evening, when assessor John Ladouceur notified council the deadline would be met. Prior to this assurance, some doubt existed. The assessor was empowered to work 16 hours overtime with pay for an additional two-week period.

When asked by councillor G. V. Barbeau if completion of the assessment roll could be guaranteed with another overtime extension, Mr. Ladouceur answered "Yes".

**Review Situation**

Tuesday evening, the situation was reviewed with the assessor present. It was learned that 273 values were left to be inspected. Mr. Ladouceur also told council that after the property inspection was made, computations were necessary, plates had to be made and the roll run off.

He informed council that several call-backs had been made

at homes where the husband and wife both worked. He had been unable to find anyone home and was instructed to leave these until the last in order to make as much progress as possible.

Mr. Ladouceur explained that wards two, three and four had been completed and only a minimum of work was left to complete the rolls in these areas. He stated there were 273 calls to make in ward one.

**Overtime Extended**

Council decided to continue with the overtime pay for the assessor at the same rate pre-

viously agreed to. This rate is based on his present salary. This overtime extension will stand until the next council meeting on October 24, at which time the situation will again be reviewed.

Council approved the annual by-law setting up the machinery for the annual election. Clerk-administrator J. McGeachie was named Returning Officer. Nomination night was established for November 23, and in the event it is necessary, elections will be held December 5th.

**Polling Places**

The following were named as polling places with deputy returning officers:

Ward One—Polling subdivision 1, Acton United church with Mrs. Vera Ingles as deputy returning officer; No. 2, Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Nan Hurst.

Ward Two—Town Hall, with Mrs. Harriet Helwig, deputy returning officer.

Ward Three—Lutton Memorial Hall with Mrs. May Dumarch deputy returning officer.

Ward Four—Y.M.C.A. with Mrs. Annie Anderson deputy returning officer.

**Amend Official Plan**

A by-law to amend the official plan of the town of Acton to make allowances for erection of a liquor store received final

approval. Application to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval will now be made.

When this approval is received, the planning board will be requested to hold a public hearing to rezone the area in question. Following this, the council will take steps to rezone the land.

**Other Business**

Council also learned:

• That new street signs erected recently are quite attractive and believed to be an asset to the motoring public.

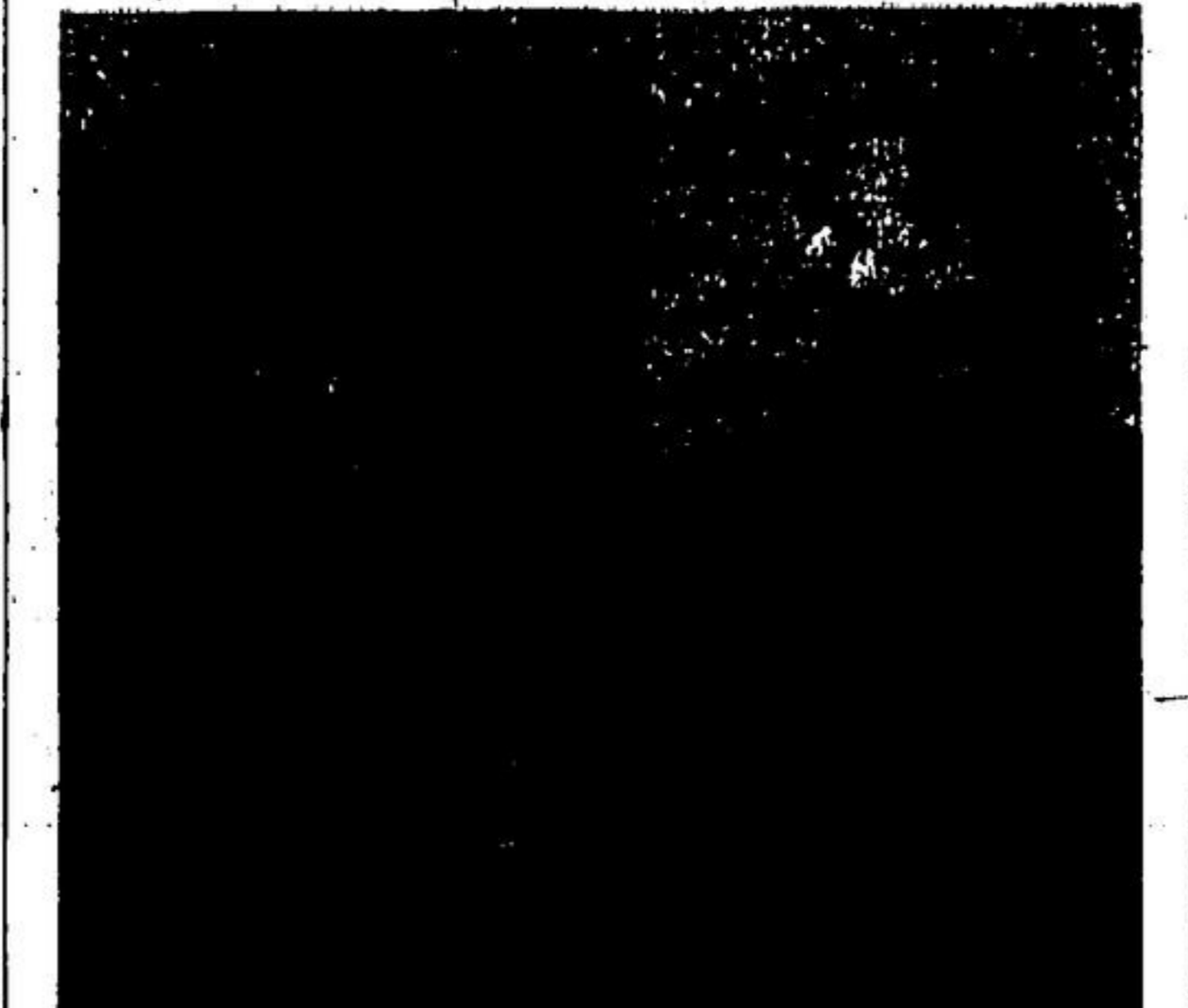
• That a portion of sidewalk on Brock St. was in need of repair. This was authorized to be done.

• That complaints had been received regarding wilful damage to a property under construction.

• That artificial ice would be ready in another six weeks. Mayor John H. Gay informed council on progress at the community centre.

• That the fire agreement with surrounding municipalities had been forwarded to the township for signing but had not been returned to date.

The clerk-administrator was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Officer manager J. T. Hurst recorded the meeting.



**SWEDISH GUEST** Goran Sendel will be guest speaker at the Y's Men's Club tonight. He arrived in Acton Wednesday evening and is guest with club president William Wilson and family. Mr. Sendel has been an active member of the Y.M.C.A. for the past 21 years and is secretary of his home Y's Men's Club in Norrkoping, Sweden. He is pictured above on the left greeting Mr. Wilson.

## Two Moose, Black Bear Shot Weigh in at 2,350 Pounds

Two moose and a black bear were bagged by an Acton hunting party of five last week when they invaded the forests at Chapleau, for a week.

William (Bill) Sheppard, sons Doug and Mel of Acton, Jim Forbes, Georgetown and Bud Holt, King, braved the cold weather and returned home with approximately 2,350 pounds of moose and bear meat.

When the party left Wednesday October 4, the sun was shining and open shirt necks and short sleeves were the order of the day. When they arrived at their destination on Thursday, snow began to fall and the hunters were almost tempted to make tracks for home again.

**Last Minute Shot**

With only a few hours to go before they packed up and returned home, Mel Sheppard sighted a large bull moose, took aim and dropped the animal in its tracks to bring the total to one bear and two moose.

When the hunters had packed their gear into their vehicle and checked into the Department of Lands and Forest's check station they had the 52nd and 53rd moose bagged in the area.

Shortly after arriving at home the men were busy preparing the meat for freezers.

by with the events of the day and cold weather was shrugged off as they planned for the last and final day on Wednesday.

**Emergency Only**

Council was assured the siren

## Approve Acton Location For Huge Air Raid Siren

An 400 pound air raid siren is slated to be installed in Acton. Site for the warning signal is the Force Electric Co. property on Church Street.

Tuesday evening, council approved a request from the Royal Canadian Engineers of the Canadian Army, when it was learned arrangements for locating the siren had been made with company management.

The large warning signal, described as equal to the size of a Volkswagen car, will be mounted on a special pole and triggered from Civil Defense headquarters in Oakville.

**Emergency Only**

Council was assured the siren

would be pressed into service only in the event of an emergency. However, testing signals would have to be made after installation.

Lieutenant A. Hatfield of No. 2 Works Department, R.C.E., and a crew surveyed the town and agreed the location chosen would be the most central. The siren will be elevated 50 feet off the ground and is expected to have its own distinct sound as opposed to the present fire sirens.

When the program is completed, it is possible the warning signal will be used in conjunction with Halton's Emergency Measures Organization.

## G. Sendel, Swedish Y's Man Guest Speaker at Acton Club

Goran Sendel, Swedish refrigeration engineer and secretary of the Norrkoping Y's Men's Club in Sweden, will be guest speaker at the Y's Men meeting tonight (Thursday) when Oscar Thompson, district governor from Kitchener and 12 Scarborough Y's men will be present.

Mr. Sendel arrived in Acton, Wednesday evening, on the 5:30 bus from Toronto and is visiting with Acton club president William Wilson and family.

The Swedish visitor is visiting North America with assistance from the Bishop's Fund which is sponsored jointly by Y's Men's Clubs throughout the world. By means of this fund Y's Men desiring to attend the International Conventions receive financial assistance if desired.

Money for the Bishop's Fund is raised by cash donations or sale of used stamps to collectors.

Mr. Sendel is a married man and stated in an interview minutes after his arrival in Acton, his wife was continuing with a portion of his secretarial work, by compiling the news magazine and dealing with correspondence. He has been an active member of the Y.M.C.A. in Sweden for 21 years, and strongly recommends the Y to the youth of the nation.

**Flew By Jet**

His trip by jet airliner was a pleasant one and his first impression of Canada will be a memorable one, as he was seated directly behind the captain of the plane, when it approached Nova Scotia. Not only could he see the coastline of Canada but he caught a glimpse of the radar screen indicating the same. From the time he left Copenhagen airport and arrived in New

York City, he was airborne 10 and a half hours. He attended the International Convention in Chicago along with 42 other delegates from Europe.

**Three Month Leave**

Mr. Sendel is enjoying a three month leave of absence from his employment but during his stay in North America will have to compile a terrific amount of information to present to clubs throughout Europe.

His visit to Acton will be a short one as he still has several places in Ontario to visit before returning to the States for other engagements with Y's Men's Clubs before departing for home.

Tonight he will give an illustrated talk on various European aspects of Y's Men's work and members are looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

## C. of C. Honors Past President

A barbecued dinner and gift were added attractions last week when Rev. Donald West and family received a surprise visit from members of the Elora Chamber of Commerce.

A former president of the Chamber, Mr. West received a handsome armchair from president Norm Stafford on behalf of his former colleagues. Following the presentation, everyone enjoyed a dinner consisting of barbecued chicken, scalloped potatoes and all the trimmings provided by the visitors. At the conclusion of the dinner and a lengthy chat, everyone enjoyed a tour of St. Alban's church.

Present from Elora Chamber were Norm Stafford, William Gliddon, George Hughes, Hugh Wand, Frank Moynihan, Charles Sturrock and Charles Miller.

## Nassagaweya Pupils Study Subject at Acton School

Attendance at Acton's Robert Little public school increased last week by 100 pupils as grades seven and eight pupils from Nassagaweya began special studies.

Four days a week, students scramble from the familiar yellow and black school bus and eagerly file into the Robert Little school to take home economics and industrial arts training. These subjects are not available in the Nassagaweya schools and the Acton school has well-equipped classrooms to teach the subjects.

Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. and Tuesday afternoon from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Home economics is taught by Miss Helen

**Mrs. E. Smith Named Festival President**

Election of new officers and plans for the Spring music festival highlighted the fall meeting Wednesday, October 4, when the North Halton Urban Music Festival Committee met.

Mrs. W. D. E. Smith, Acton, was named president for the coming year and will be assisted by Mrs. Bishop, Glen Williams, vice-president; Miss Daisy Foster, Acton, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ledwith, Milton, convener of music supervisors; and Mrs. Appleby, Limehouse, convener of trophies.

Plans were made for the 1962 festival and members reviewed the growth and interest of the festival during the past few years. A large entry is anticipated again next spring.

Baker and industrial arts instruction is given by Doug Wild-

**Arrangements by Boards**

Arrangements for the rural pupils to take training in Acton were completed between the Nassagaweya and Acton public school boards and an agreement was signed recently.

In the beginning, three classes were anticipated, but attendance was so great it was necessary to add an additional class to accommodate the pupils and prevent overcrowding in classes.

Pupils from Nassagaweya are transported by school bus to the door of the Robert Little school. The driver waits at the school until classes are finished and then returns the pupils to their parent school.

Interest is keen among the rural student. This is their first opportunity to take these subjects not available at their own schools.

## Hon. John Root, M.P.P. Baptist Guest Speaker

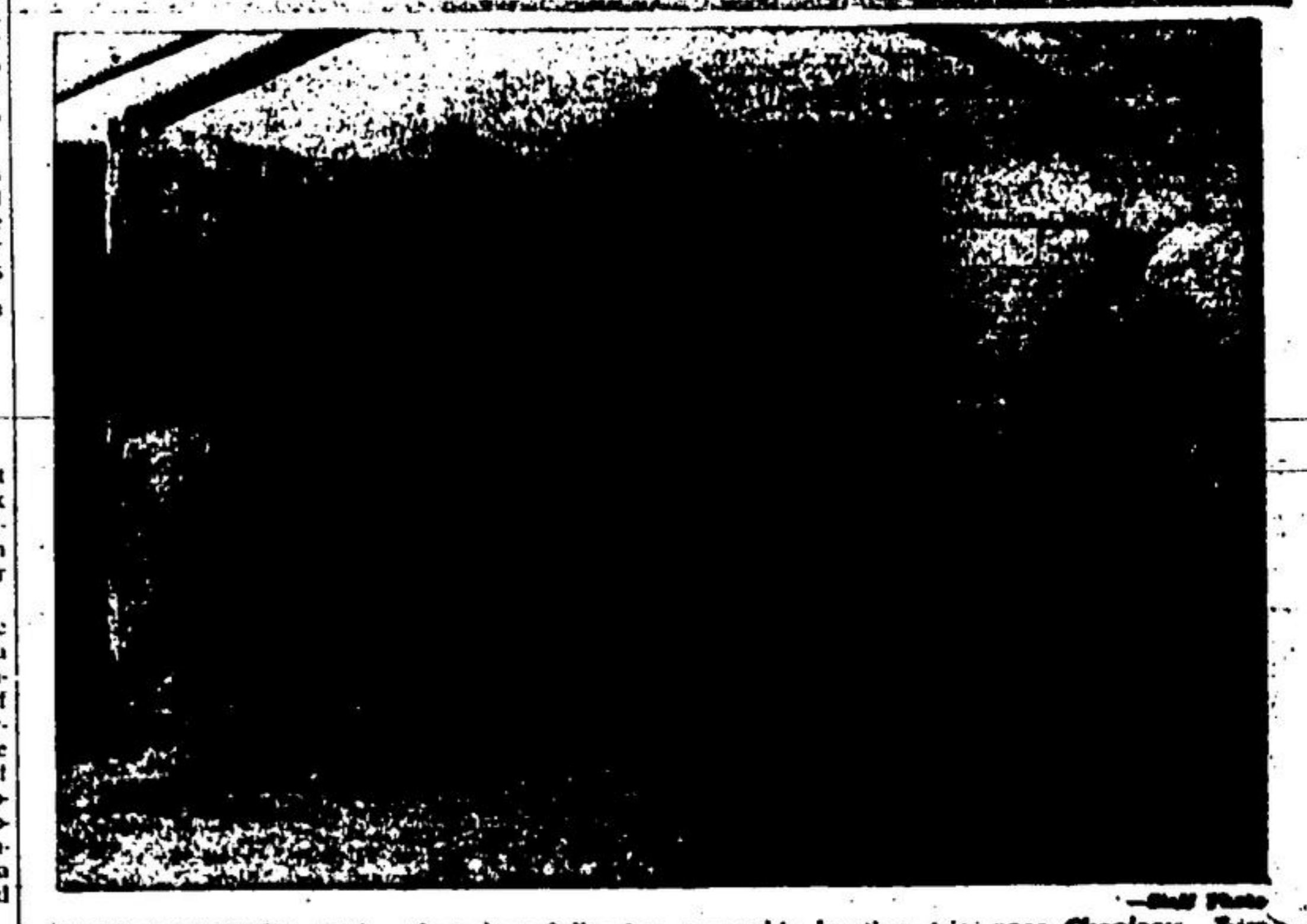
The Hon. John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington, will be guest speaker Sunday October 15, at the Baptist church when laymen of the church conduct a special service.

Mr. Root is a member of Hillsburgh Baptist church and former president of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. His theme for the evening will be "Canada and the church."

Taking part in the service as well will be men of the church and Charles Landsborough will give selections on the cornet.



**25 YEAR PIN** for service was presented to Cam Leishman last week by regional inspector Don Telfer of the Public Works Department. Mr. Leishman is caretaker at the Federal building which houses the Post Office and Customs office. Pictured above left to right are Postmaster Gord McKeown, Mr. Leishman, Mr. Telfer and Mrs. Chris Britton, assistant Postmaster.



**KEN MARKSMEN** display their loot following a week's hunting trip near Chapleau. Two moose and a black bear were bagged by five sharpshooters last week. Pictured above front row kneeling are William Sheppard and son Mel. Back row left to right are Doug Sheppard, Jim Forbes, Georgetown and Bud Holt, King. The Sheppards, Acton area residents are keen marksmen and besides bagging wild game, cop many prizes at turkey shoots.