

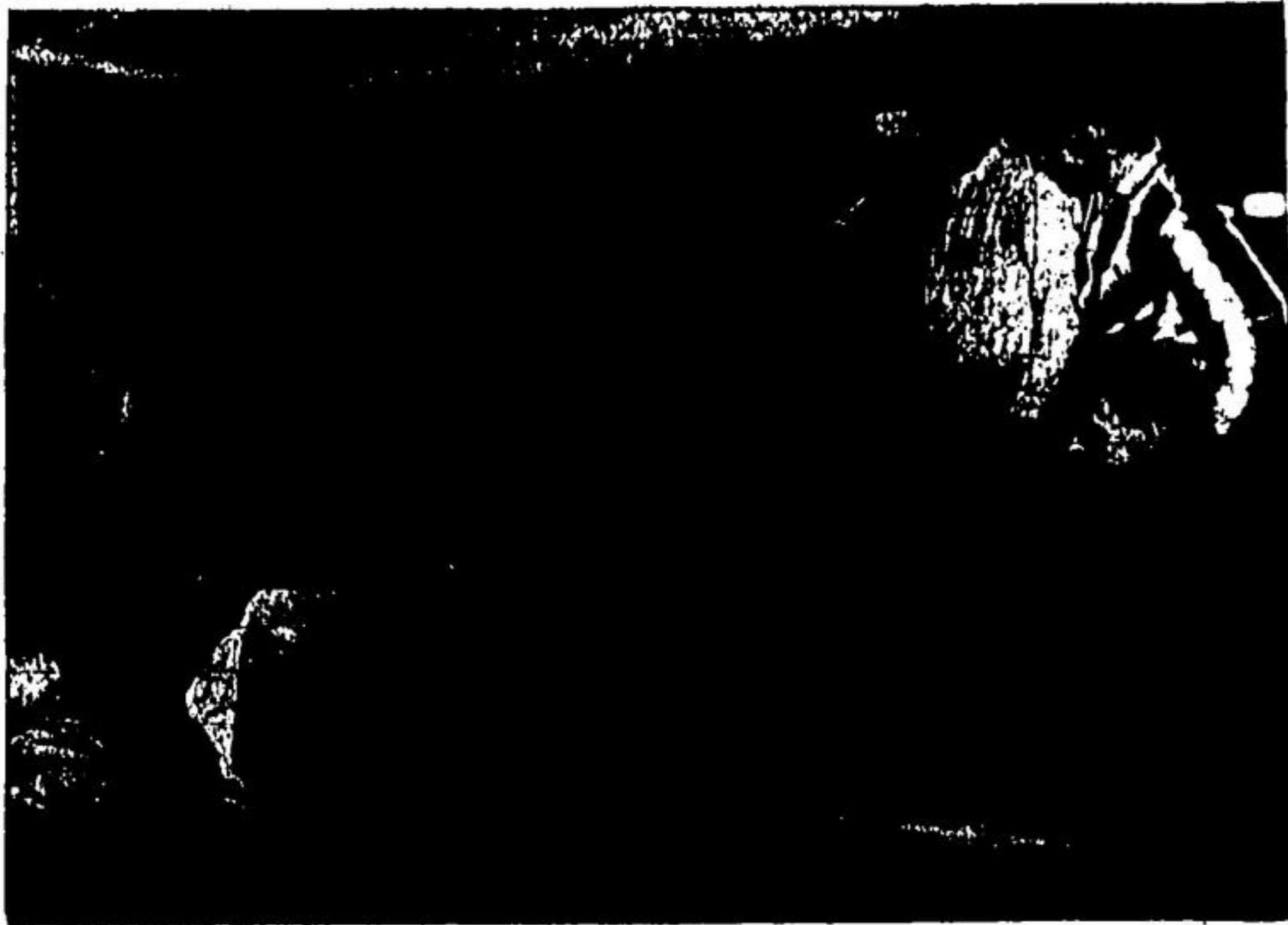
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E.M.O. COURSE on basic rescue has resulted in a disappointing turnout of citizens to date but officials are hopeful of more interest soon. Pictured above the instructors demonstrate the proper method of trussing an injured person on a stretcher for evacuation from a building. Left to right are instructor Len Thorne, assistant Harold Doane, Hugh Lowe, Eric Scott, John Greifender, Eddie Connon, Benny Saulnier, George Ware, Roy Dunk and assistant instructor Gord West. Mock victim on the stretcher is John Leatherland.

Home, School Association Folds To Try Further Re-Organization

Acton Home and School Association folded last week. The decision was reached when only 14 parents including executive members and teachers were present for the emergency meeting to decide the fate of the organization.

The future of the Home and School was dependent on the turnout of interested parents to the meeting staged in the auditorium of the Robert Little school Thursday, October 19. When only a handful were present, executive members submitted their resignations.

Following a lengthy detailed discussion, both principal W. D. Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school and G. W. McKenzie, Robert Little school, agreed to attempt reorganization of the association.

Alt Viewpoints

In the review of the past 10 years it was noted that originally the Home and School revolved around the Robert Little school solely. When the M. Z. Bennett school and high school were built they were included in the revised Amalgamated Home and School Association.

During the meeting individual viewpoints were heard as parents present formed a small circle for the discussion.

President Herman Frenkel outlined the purpose of the meeting following the singing of "O Canada" and told his small audience that in spite of attempts the past three years to stave off disbandment, interest had decreased rapidly. He noted that on several occasions interesting guest speakers had been obtained for meetings but public support was never indicated and turnouts at meetings were discouraging.

Some of the questions and answers relayed during the buzz session included:

Mrs. H. Gardner, social convenor: "We have tried every thing — good speakers, paper discussions and pupil participation but a good attendance was impossible."

Mrs. J. Reid parent: "Perhaps the publicity was at fault? Were parents notified of the meeting?"

Treasurer William Wilson clarified the last question when he informed the parents that meetings were scheduled for standard nights and noted that no blame could be attached to the publicity and advertisement committee. He pointed out that service clubs followed the same pattern and if people were interested in attending they would remember the dates.

Mrs. Alec Johnson suggested perhaps there was room for improvement in the grade mother assignment and stated she had heard of some parents being phoned by more than one grade mother regarding the same meeting.

Indifference And Insults

Mrs. Gloria Browne, publicity chairman, told the gathering she had personally polled many parents for their reaction to Home and School and some of the replies varied from indifference to downright insults. "Several said they didn't have time to attend meetings," she concluded. Allan Lander: "I think the Home and School Association should operate in conjunction with the children."

Mrs. Gardner: "I think it is all

writing to depend on the children for success."

Mr. Lander explained that he and his wife were newcomers to Acton but that during the past year it was apparent that disinterest was only part of the problem and adverse propaganda as well as a negative attitude played a major role.

Members generally agreed the death blow was dealt some time ago when meetings were over weighted with child and parent psychology and psychiatry. One said, "people know why little Johnny hit his little friend over the head with a mallet and know the solution is an application of shoe leather in the proper place!"

Will Contact Parents

Principals McKenzie and Smith told the gathering they would attempt to contact parents of children at their respective schools regarding forming separate organizations for each school.

Members present approved a resolution to hand over existing funds to principals McKenzie and Smith to hold until after their attempt to new the Home and School Association.

Honor Dag Hammarskjold At Tree Planting Service

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SPECIAL SPEAKER during the Baptist church anniversary services Sunday was Dr. J. A. Johnston, former pastor at Westmount Baptist church, Westmount, Quebec. Pictured reviewing the church program left to right are Mrs. Johnston, Dr. Johnston and pastor James M. Rudd. The guest speaker preached in Acton in 1919 and can recall many of the former residents.

St. John Ambulance Brigade's Future Cloudy Needs Public Support to Prevent Dissolution

Something must be done NOW. Public interest must be aroused, additional manpower acquired, or the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Acton is doomed to fold.

The Brigade is teetering on the borderline as far as membership is concerned. Headquarters de-

mands a minimum of 16 active members. Acton presently has 13 and some are planning to move away.

The brigade receives no grant from town council or remuneration from Parks Board. Several organizations have indicated their

appreciation for services by small donations. But these donations have not been sufficient to keep the Brigade solvent. Financial assistance has been granted from headquarters in the tune of \$600 annually. It has been indicated this will cease.

Three years ago this fall, an appeal was made to council for a grant. This was filed for consideration by the following year's council. No further word on the grant was received by the Brigade but council allotted them a room in the town hall tent free.

"We face defeat unless an immediate boost through manpower and financial assistance is indicated." In his review of the brigade since it began here, the superintendent praised his devoted members for their interest and untiring service given unselfishly and without pay.

Night School Enrolment Rises; 19 Courses Start

Night school enrolment climbed from 180 on registration night to 208 with last minute registrations Monday and Tuesday evenings at the high school. All the courses offered are underway except conversational French, mosaics, needlecraft and metal-

craft for a fascinating discussion on Russia which lasted well past closing time. The hostess course is full with 24; some were turned away. Choral singing had a melodious start. Sewing and art are popular as ever. There are 19 courses altogether.

Unusually Fortunate

Acton has been fortunate. It is unusual for a town with a population less than 5,000 to be granted

ed a St. John Ambulance Charter. This town was the first after a brilliant struggle by interested citizens.

Faced with depleted ranks, lack of funds, interest and economic problems, the Brigade nigh collapse. If this occurs, citizens can be assured formation of another division in town is next door to impossible.

Begged, Borrowed

Beginning with a beat up truck donated by a rural resident, the Brigade begged, borrowed and did everything but steal in order to get the vehicle mobile to provide ambulance service. Today they can boast of two ambulances and an ambulance trailer, fashioned by themselves.

Small Sing

Two ladies sat happily through an hour of one course before discovering they were in the wrong room!

Effective speaking, which had been in doubt, started, but those in the class are hoping for more to join them.

Precious Hour

One precious hour of sleep, lost in the spring of this year, comes back Saturday night when town and district reverts to Standard Time.

Officially Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Before you go to bed Saturday night, set all your clocks and watches BACK an hour.

Three months each summer is spent on duty at the park; all public functions are attended, such as the Fall Fair, school auditorium activities, parades; there are occasional ambulance trips and on many, many other occasions the St. John Brigade members are "Johnny on the Spot" in the event of an accident.

Cemetery Project Gets Gov't Grant

Clearing the cemetery grounds has been accepted by the federal government as a winter works project. Council applied for a grant on the \$2,000 plan and it was accepted October 10.

The federal government pays 50 per cent of the cost of labor only — \$450; the provincial government and town 25 per cent each. Beyond this, the town pays costs — for materials, for instance.

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Austerity Cuts Council Dinner Assessment Soon Back to Normal

Council Tuesday evening decided to forego their year-end Municipal dinner. Councilors felt that in view of the austerity program which had been instituted throughout the year, it was only proper to eliminate this expense.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law to set up the remuneration to the Mayor and Councilors which will become effective January 1, 1962. The by-law is to incorporate the recommendations submitted to the administrative committee. Under the recommendations, the mayor will receive a salary of \$1,000 plus \$200 expenses. Councilors will receive \$10 per meeting up to 60 meetings per year. This includes regular council meetings, committee meetings, and special meetings. At the present time, the mayor receives \$800 and Councilors \$400 per annum.

The by-law to rename certain streets in Acton was given its third and final reading. The new street names are now official. Previously, the by-law had been read twice and had been submitted to the county judge for his ruling.

A by-law to authorize the sale of lot 32, plan 1098, on Church Hill Road North to William End Hill for \$600 was passed.

Council endorsed a resolution of the Town of Weston providing the control of crosswalks remain under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transport. The Weston resolution petitions the Ontario government for permission for municipalities to establish pedestrian crosswalks. Under present legislation, municipalities permitted to have crosswalks.

Application was made for winter works subsidies on the Ontario Water Resources Commission Project 61W74. This project is the water reservoir and watermain extension now in the planning stages by OWRC for the Town of Acton.

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Review Overtime

Work on the assessing program will return to a normal basis November 14, the next council meeting. At that time, the program will again be reviewed to determine if it will be necessary to go back on to overtime. The assessing department has been working considerable overtime in order to complete the assessing by the extended deadline of November 30.

Free TB Clinic Granted

Permission was granted the Halton TB Association to hold a TB clinic in the Council Chambers on November 29, 30 and December 1, 4, 5 and 6. No rental will be charged the association for the free skin test clinic.

Councillor Frank Toth urged council to see that the street sign project undertaken by this year's council be completed before the end of the year. The clerk was instructed to complete the program as speedily as possible.

Accounts Passed for Payment

Accounts passed for payment were:

Acton Hydro Comm.	\$ 286.94
Northern Paint, Varn.	66.64
Dills Printing, Pub.	84.64
Carswell Co. Ltd.	9.75
Aldo Branda	125.00

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Applauded Hammar's Service

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Poor Turnout Will Try Again

The second night of the Basic Rescue Course under the supervision of the Emergency Measures Organization resulted in a poor turnout of interested citizens this week. Another attempt will be made to conduct a class next Monday.

Eight men came to the Y.M.C.A. Monday and received instruction on survival from instructor Len Thorne and assistants Harold Doane and Gord West, all from Oakville.

Present for the course were Hugh Lowe, Eric Scott, John Greifender, Eddie Connon, Benny Saulnier, George Ware, John Leatherland and Roy Dunk.

The training included evacuation of an injured person from a high building, proper trussing of the person and how to utilize ladder for this purpose.

County Co-ordinator Bruce McGregor is hopeful a larger turnout will be on hand next Monday and encourages organizations to send representatives.

Apples Reward Help Scouting

Shiny apples and a tag will be the reward for every citizen assisting Boy Scout Apple Day, Saturday, October 28, when the annual cavass is held.

Every home in town will be blitzed and proceeds from the sale will be used to further Scouting in Acton. Sharing in the benefit from the money are nearly 200 Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. The Scout Group Committee is looking forward to an excellent response from the public.

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DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, the late secretary-general of the United Nations, was honored by students at Acton District High School Tuesday. They staged United Nations Day and following assembly in the auditorium planted the tree in his memory. Pictured with the shovel are Terry Hamilton, vice-president of the student council, and Andrew Smith, treasurer. Mary Beth Elliott, president, is at the microphone.