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School Site

Essex's newest public school will be a \$120,000 six-room building on a site on Five Sideroad at the Seventh Line school board members told township council Monday. Council granted approval in principle of the construction, and tentative approval to a \$120,000 debenture.

The site is the Claude Pickett farm. Board trustees told council it would be in operation by early 1963, or Christmas of this year.

Action Artists In Show's Best

Of the 84 canvases in the Five Counties Art Association exhibit at the Robert Little school, April 14, 19 were chosen to proceed to the area show at Brampton on May 19 and 20. Among them were two by Acton painters, Mrs. L. E. Dittich and Mrs. J. Whitman. The former is in the class for painters who began their hobby since 1960 and the latter in the class for those who have been painting longer.

Other Acton exhibitors were Allan Lauder and Mrs. Vera Mattocks in the "beginners" class; Miss Mina Cripps, Mrs. W. B. Dubois, George Golden, Miss Bella-Maye Roszell, Bill Syme and Dr. V. W. Fenn for the other class.

Judges were Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Guelph; Mrs. Oreen Campbell, Fergus and Peter Goetz, Kitchener. George Bowman was in charge of the exhibit here.

Election Machinery Starting To Churn; Three in June Race

Halton's election machinery began churning Tuesday, immediately following Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's announcement in the House that a federal election would be held June 18.

All three local parties say they are already gearing for battle, and preparing an all-out campaign to have their man elected to the seat reserved for the Halton candidate. Federal returning officer Dick West, Burlington, has been doing preliminary tasks for months now, preparing for the P.M.'s announcement of the date.

List Voters

Enumerators will visit every resident of the county between April 30 and May 5 to prepare the lists of voters. It is expected the advance poll will be held a week or so before June 18.

The Conservative party presently holds the power in Halton, and since June, 1957, C. A. "Sandy" Best has been the county representative at Ottawa. He is 31, married with two boys, and lives with his wife and family on a farm near Georgetown, where he grows prize lilies and pure bred pigs. Sandy is vice-chairman of the government's research committee and has served on several other committees during his five years in the house. He is the son of Dr. Charles Best, codiscoverer of insulin.

Doctor in House

Halton Liberals have a new candidate in this election, and

Residents to be Offered Benefits Of Group Medical Service Program

"Council supports the principle of community participation in a group medical services program," was the motion passed at the regular Tuesday meeting of Acton Township Council when Physicians Services Inc. presented a plan to offer "pre-paid medical care on a non-profit basis to the people of Acton with no restrictions as to age or health."

Jerry Linch of P.S.I. was present, seeking council's endorsement of the principles and outlining the proposal to be offered to citizens. Mr. Linch said, "Theoretically, subscribers would never see another doctor's bill."

Previous Experience

Mr. Linch reported that the community enrollment plan had been offered in Orangeville one year ago. 80-85% of the people had joined the plan. In Mono Township, 68% had joined. The program has been instituted in Lindsay and Markdale and will be offered in Hanover in two weeks.

At the present time, the plan would only be offered to residents of the town of Acton, but, as happened in Orangeville, would be offered in the townships next year. A minimum of 60% of the residents signed up is required before the plan comes into operation. Premiums are payable quarterly and are: single

\$3.00 per month; two people in family, \$7.00 per month; family, \$10.00 per month.

Under questioning, Mr. Linch revealed the following features of the plan.

All doctors in Acton participate in the plan. 90% of the doctors in Ontario participate. Payments are made for doctors' services performed, drugs and prescriptions are paid for by the patient. Diagnostic X-ray is limited to \$50 per person per year. Eye examinations by a qualified eye specialist are paid for once in the first 12 months and once every 24 months thereafter.

Schedule of payment to the

doctor is based on the 1962 schedule of tariffs, which most general practitioners accept. Some specialists, notably in Toronto, will not accept the P.S.I. schedule and the patient pays any fee over and above the P.S.I. schedule.

No Dental Work

No dental work is covered by P.S.I.

No medical examination or statement of health is required from subscribers at the time of application. Present group plans are not affected.

Children attending school in another municipality with their home in Acton may become subscribers. Unmarried children under 19 years of age may be included in the family plan. Dependent fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts, cannot be included in the family plan but may be covered as individual subscribers.

The subscriber may choose a non-participating doctor who will be paid at the rates set out in the P.S.I. schedule. The plan pays for office and house calls.

Doctors submit their accounts to P.S.I. who then pay 90% of the account. The remaining 10% is assessed against the doctor's account for the operation of the plan.

Commission Rejects Union's Proposal Counters With Existing Agreement

Acton Hydro Commission during their midnight meeting on Thursday, April 12, turned thumbs down on a submission from the local union which included additions, deletions and revisions to the existing agreement. As a counter proposal the commission offered to continue with the present agreement with the deletion of one paragraph which reads: "In the event of a layoff, the last man hired will be the first laid off."

Presentations of the revised submission over the present contract led some of the commissioners speechless while others stated their disapproval. One of the members told his colleagues that if the proposal was accepted the commission might as well hand over the keys to the union and let them take over.

40 Cents More
If the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers' proposal is accepted it would mean a 40 cents per hour increase across the board for the Journeyman linesman and linesman "A".

A journeyman linesman would receive an increase from the present wage of \$2.19 per hour to \$2.59 plus fringe benefits bringing the weekly wage to \$116.70 plus \$17.50 standby pay bringing the yearly total to \$5,000.18. Linesman "A" would receive an increase from the present \$2.07 to \$2.47 plus benefits for a total weekly wage amounting to

\$111.45 plus \$17.50 standby time making a total yearly wage amounting to \$4,762.71. Employees affected by the union agreement are Dorsen Frizzell and Ken Hodgson.

Other employees of the commission who are not affected by the union are superintendent D. Mason, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquhart and meter reader Newton Hurst.

New Seniority Clause
Proposed additions in the submission included a new clause on seniority. Seniority is defined as the length of service with the commission. Seniority shall govern in cases of lay-off and recall.

In the case of promotion, provided an employee is capable of performing the work available, the senior employee shall receive the promotion.

In dealing with overtime the union's proposal asked for time and a half to be paid from 5 p.m. until midnight and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays. According to the agreement double time should be paid from midnight until 8 a.m. on Sundays and statutory holidays. Under the existing agreement workmen are paid time and a half for all work performed after normal working hours.

Higher Standby
Also suggested in the proposal was a revision for standby pay with an increase from the present

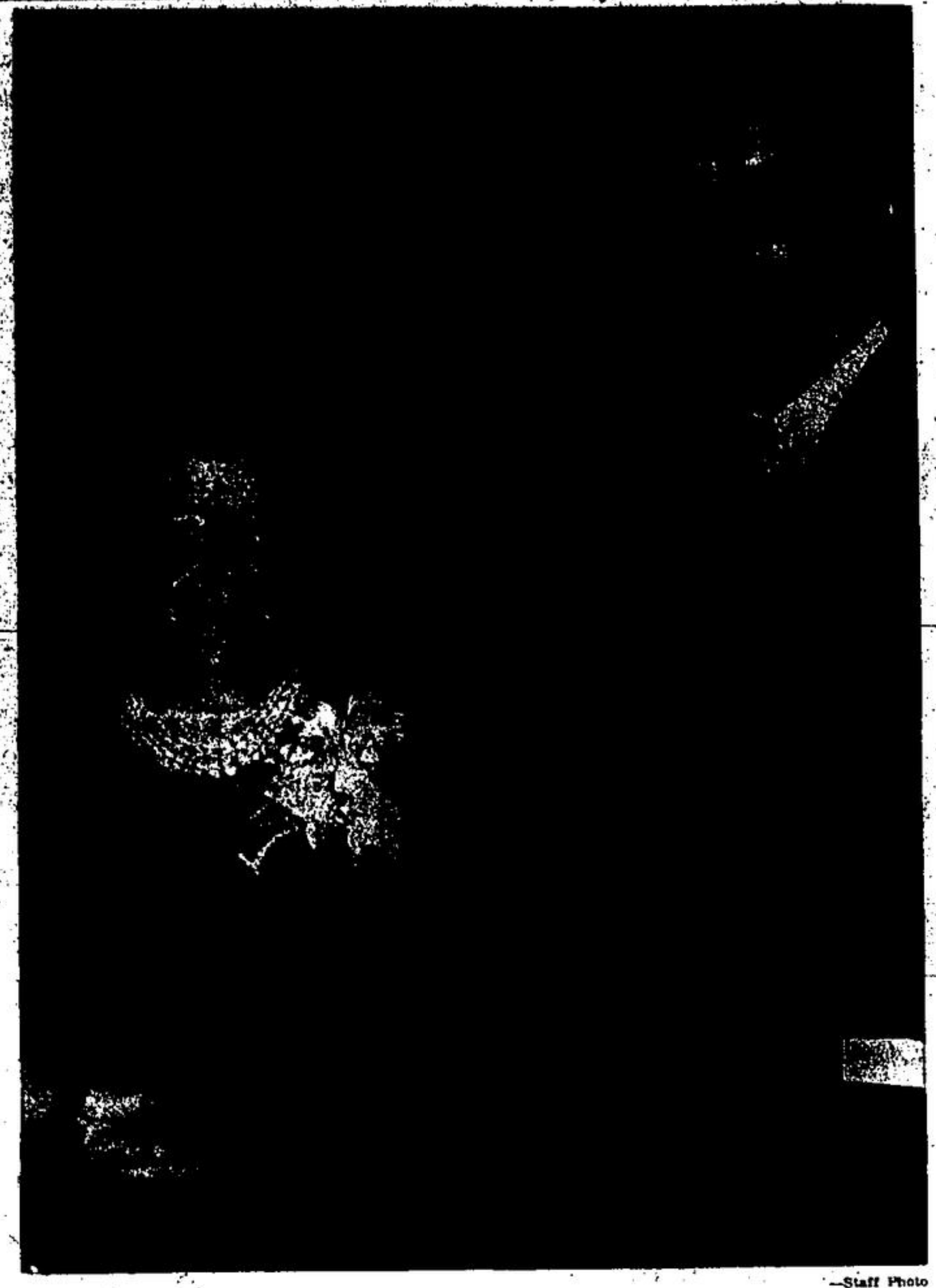
\$2 rate to \$2.50 per night for the period from Friday to Friday. Also included were provisions to allow employees on standby duty Saturday, Sunday or statutory holidays to be paid \$5, plus the appropriate overtime rate for all actual time worked. Employees required to standby shall have phones paid for and be provided with a truck while on duty.

Provisions were made in the new agreement to allow employees an extra day's vacation pay when a statutory holiday falls within an employee's vacation. Also revised in the new agreement were annual vacations, sick pay and pensions and work classification in inclement weather.

Under the classification of wage rates the following clause was created by the commission that added: Any new classifications not covered by this agreement shall be bargained for and shall become part of this agreement within 30 days.

The commission stuck to their guns and gave their approval to accept the existing agreement for another two-year period.

The commission also:
● Received a letter of thanks from Kathy McKenzie, winner of the Hydro award in the public speaking contest.
● Agreed to invest \$10,000 in short-term treasury notes.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Miss Madeline Gibbons received her engraved plaque at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner Thursday of last week. The popular clerk in Cooper's Drug Store is pictured with Chamber president Bert Hinton. She was supervisor of the nursery at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto for 14 years. See Front Page, Second Section.

Council Learns Expensive Headache at Digester Plant

Councillor Frank Tuth chaired the Committee of the Whole section of Acton Council on Tuesday evening. Main item of concern for council was Councillor Bert Wood's report of the problems which have arisen at the sewage treatment plant.

is to secure prices on the repair at the Brock - Main St. intersection. Reeve J. Hargrave suggested the works department of Beardmore and Co. be contacted to see if they would be interested in assisting in the clean-up.

The clerk re-stated council's hard topping of the gutters on Brock and Church Sts. had been included in this year's budget. No word on the delivery date of the new street sweeper has been received. Councillor Dubs reported the new street lighting program on Bower Ave. has been completed. Councillors agreed the new lights are a decided improvement. The suggestion was made that the trimming of two of the largest trees would improve the street appearance even more.

Cover Requires Overhaul
Councillor Woods' problems continued to come to the fore when he reported the digester tank cover required a major overhaul. "This is going to cost us some money," he said. "The lower half of the skirt will have to be taken off and replaced. The engineers assume it can be repaired. The approximate cost of a new top is \$9,000 to \$12,000. It appears to be more practical to repair it than buy a new one."

Discussion of the subject covered many fields, from the plant's construction through to its breakdown now. The committee

and presented by Mrs. A. Ironside, Acton, was won by Brookville; in the junior choir class, the trophy donated by the Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. Acton, was presented by Miss D. Folster and won by the Robert Little school. The shield donated to second place winner J. M. Dennes school was donated by Miss Ruth Evans and presented by Mrs. Mary Kidney.

County Nixes Deer Season
Despite requests from two sportsmen's associations and another county, Halton County Council has ruled against an open deer season in Halton this fall.

Tuesday at the council's April meeting, the agriculture committee recommended no season. Letters from Halton Sportsmen's Association, United Sportsmen's Association and Halton County had been received asking for an open season, but the idea was nixed.

"We can't have an open season without all the boundary counties being included," said Reeve John Milne of Nassagaweya, chairman of the committee. Deputy Reeve Gordon Galagher of Burlington pointed out it would be pretty hard to run a deer hunt in Burlington and Oakville where the population is more dense.

Adjudicator Praises Young Singers During North Halton Music Festival

During the Tuesday competition in the North Halton Urban Music Festival at the Robert Little school in Acton, the two Acton schools netted a total of 428 points with the Robert Little school gaining two firsts and a second and the M. Z. Bennett school winning two firsts. Each school captured seven competition.

Brookville with one first and three seconds scored a total of 444 points out of seven entries. Milton's three schools tallied a total of 425 points when the J. M. Dennes school won two firsts and one second, Bruce Street school took one second and the W. I. Dick school received one second when they each entered seven competitors. The above schools were entered in classes with seven or more entries.

In competition with schools having six or fewer entries, Spesside led the pack with a total of 171 points when they took two seconds out of three classes entered. Norval netted 168 points with one first and one second in the same class. Glen Williams and Stewartown each scored 87 points with one first each out of three competitors entered. Campbellville was the fifth school entered in this class.

Verbal Bouquets.
Adjudicator for the Tuesday events, Dr. G. Roy Fenwick of Toronto, praised the young sing-

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ers from each school and handed verbal bouquets to music supervisors. Dr. Fenwick told the audience of interested parents that Halton County had always been noted for having excellent Music Festivals and wonderful singers.

North Halton Urban Festival Association president Elmer Smith, principal of the M. Z. Bennett school in Acton, acted as chairman during the afternoon program and inspector O. G. McDowell was chairman during the morning. Also taking-part in the program were inspectors W. I. McNeill and R. F. Bornhold as well as trophy convener Mrs. Marg Appleyard, her assistant Mrs. C. F. Leatherland and secretary Miss Daisy Folster.

The following presented trophies donated annually: triple duet winner Robert Little school received the Milton Kinette Club trophy, presented by Mrs. C. F. Leatherland. Acton's second prize shield donated by the Bank of Nova Scotia, Milton, was won by the W. I. Dick school and presented by Chester Anderson, Acton.

Present Trophies
The trophy for the winner in the primary choir, donated by the John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E. Milton, and presented by regent Mrs. John Vernon, Milton was won by the J. M. Dennes school; the shield for second place winner donated by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., Acton,



BANK OF MONTREAL TROPHY was won by the M. Z. Bennett school when the boys' unchanged voices choir placed first at the music festival. On hand to present the trophy was Dick Willie, assistant manager of the Acton branch. The youngsters are pictured above with Mr. Willie after the presentation.



ROBERT LITTLE SCHOOL junior choir won first spot in their class during the festival Tuesday when they competed against Brookville and Milton as well as the M. Z. Bennett school. Dr. G. Roy Fenwick, adjudicator, praised all the singers and music supervisors for their excellent performances and told the audience Halton County has a fine reputation for its festivals.

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