

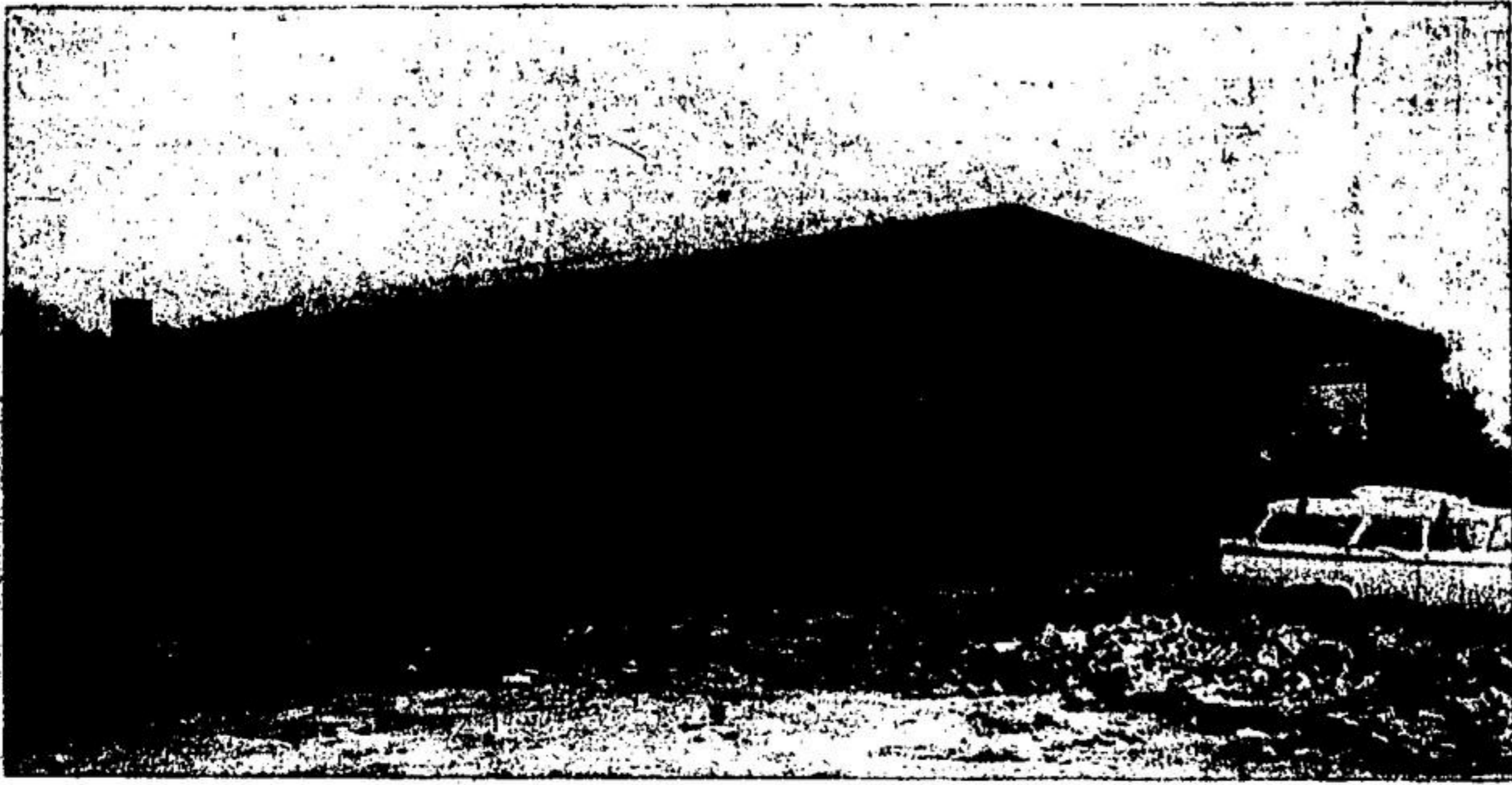
# The Acton Free Press

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**LIMEHOUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL**, now under construction, is expected to be completed before the fall term begins. Pupils from Bannockburn, Blue Mountain and Gibraltar schools will attend. The building will house six classrooms, a principals' office and staff room as well as boiler room. It is of cement block and brick construction and is being erected on the former ball park. —Staff Photo

## List Grade 13 Exam Results

Acton District High School Grade 13 examination results are as follows:

Barbeau, Brian G.—Eng. Comp. 54, Eng. Lit. 65, Algebra 76, Geometry 82, Trig. & Statics 71, Physics 74, Chemistry 79, Fr. Auth. 58, Fr. Comp. 58.

Bessems, Svytske E.—Zoology 57.

Collett, Mrs. Vivian B.—Eng. Comp. 63.

Cook, Carolyn J.—Eng. Comp. 71, Eng. Lit. 78, Algebra 59, Geometry 65, Zoology 80, Physics 56, Chemistry 72, Fr. Auth. 73, Fr. Comp. 61.

Cook, Joan M.—Zoology 77.

Croft, Marie J.—Eng. Comp. 55, Eng. Lit. 55, Zoology 55.

Duby, Lesley A.—Eng. Comp. 70, Eng. Lit. 84, Algebra 59, Botany 58, Chemistry 53, Latin Auth. 57, Latin Comp. 63, Fr. Auth. 59, Fr. Comp. 58, German Comp. 61.

Elliott, Norman R.—Eng. Comp. 56, Eng. Lit. 52, History 54, Zoology 56.

Force, Elizabeth J.—Eng. Comp. 67, Eng. Lit. 69, Algebra 65, Trig. & Statics 63, Botany 78, Physics 55, Chemistry 62, Latin Auth. 78, Latin Comp. 78, Fr. Auth. 62, Fr. Comp. 71.

Garrett, Katherine E.—Eng. Comp. 75, Eng. Lit. 58, Zoology 51.

Gibbons, Denis N.—Eng. Comp. 51, Eng. Lit. 50, History 80, Geometry 59, Latin Auth. 61, Latin Comp. 85, Fr. Auth. 61, Fr. Comp. 78.

Hayward, Alan E.—Botany 62, Zoology 68, Chemistry 56.

Kirkness, Katharine E.—Algebra 74, Geometry 69, Physics 60, Latin Auth. 50, Latin Comp. 61.

Lawson, Peter N.—Eng. Lit. 54, History 66, Algebra 56, Trig. & Statics 51, Fr. Comp. 51.

Lidkae, Bertrand E.—Eng. Comp. 71, Eng. Lit. 55, Algebra 51, Geometry 51, Trig. & Statics 55, Physics 52, Chemistry 51.

Lindsay Donald F.—History 61, Geometry 56, Zoology 54, Physics 53, Fr. Comp. 52.

McGeachie, Paul J.—Eng. Comp. 58, Eng. Lit. 66, History 53, Botany 51.

McKelvey, Moira A.—Eng. Comp. 64, Botany 53.

McPheer, Jane F.—Zoology 53.

Moffat, Jean R.—Eng. Comp. 63.

Ridley, Wayne J.—Eng. Comp. 50, Algebra 53, Geometry 59, Physics 54, Chemistry 56.

Swackhamer, Ross R.—Eng. Comp. 50, Eng. Lit. 54, Algebra 54, Physics 51.

Wasowicz, Bernice—Eng. Lit. 51, Algebra 56, Zoology 66.

Williams, Andrew W.—Eng. Comp. 54, Eng. Lit. 55, History 58, Fr. Comp. 52.

## Top Students Receive High Average Marks

Grade 13 results, released this week, show several Acton high school students with good results.

Elizabeth Force wrote 11 subjects and passed 11 with three firsts and an average of 69 per cent. She also has zoology, which she wrote two years ago.

Brian Barbeau wrote and passed nine papers with three firsts and an average of 68.6 per cent. He will be attending Trinity College at the University of Toronto.

Carolyn Cook wrote and passed nine subjects with two firsts and an average of 68.3 per cent.

Lesley-Anne Duby passed in 10 subjects with an average of 61.5 per cent. She had studied German by herself. She will be attending Lakeshore Teachers' College.

Denis Gibbons wrote eight papers, and also wrote grade 13 last year.

Wayne Ridley has now completed his grade 13.

Mrs. Vivian Collett, who wrote English Composition, took the Department of Education correspondence course.

## Seek Final Approval of Plans For Southern Esquesing School

Esquesing Township School Area No. 1 Board is currently seeking final approval of plans and specifications for construction of a new five-view six-room school on the Seventh Line at Five Sideroad.

The Board purchased the eight-acre site from Claude Pickett last month. At a recent meeting of Esquesing Township Council, two readings were given the by-law for the borrowing of \$120,000 to construct the new school. The by-law was forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for their approval. A well has been bored on the property and final approval of the plans is being sought from the Department of Education and the Fire Marshal's office.

The Limehouse school is presently under construction on the former ball park. It will include six classrooms and auxiliary facilities. A September completion is hoped for.

## Guelph Results

Results of Acton students attending grade 13 in Guelph follow:

Richard Currie, Eng. Comp. 52, Eng. Lit. 55, Alg. 66, Geom. 60, Trig. 52, Phys. 67, Chem. 53.

Robert Hinton, Eng. Comp. 70, Eng. Lit. 55, Alg. 97, Geom. 76, Trig. 90, Phys. 78, Chem. 70.

Sherron Hibbit, Eng. C. 66, Eng. Lit. 68, Trig. 61, Bot. 83, Zool. 68, Lat. A. 73, Lat. C. 64, Fr. A. 64, Fr. C. 64.

Katherine Kenny, Hist. 54, Bot. 75, Zool. 60.

## Ballinfad Drive Short by \$5,000

In a little over two weeks, 22 canvassers in the Ballinfad area have raised \$5,000 for the construction of their new Community Hall.

The \$21,000 hall campaign is augmented by donations from Esquesing and Erin Townships and grants from the provincial government, totalling \$11,000.

The public subscription campaign must raise \$10,000 to complete the project.

Mrs. C. E. Snow, serving as chairman of the campaign, reported the canvassers were getting good reception and were working hard to meet the objective.

The tender for the building has been let, subject to successful completion of the fund raising. Work will begin when the objective is assured.

## Eight-Year-Old Hit

A hit-and-run motorist struck down an eight-year-old Clarkson boy Monday evening as the youth walked along 25 Sideroad two miles west of Highway 25.

North Halton O.P.P. reported Michael Gordon Erler of Sunningdale Rd., Clarkson, was knocked into the ditch and his coat was torn when the car struck him, but he was uninjured. The driver of the car is still being sought.

## Speeders Beware

In order to control speeding on Main Street North council obtained permission from the County of Halton for a survey in this area. Previous permission was established a designated speed limit in the Church Hill Road, North area had been received from the Township of Esquesing.

Members present for the Tuesday evening session included Mayor John Gov., reeve Jack Harvey, councillors Les Duby, J. Bert Wood, Hamilton Peal, Frank Prouse and Frank Toth. Absent because of holidays were deputy-reve William Denny and councillor George Beatty.

## Town Hires First Recreation Director Jim Casburn to Start Mid-September

The search for a recreation director-arena manager has ended. Tuesday evening council accepted the recommendation of the Parks Board and engaged Jim Casburn of Scarborough. He will begin his duties here September 17.

Parks Board chairman G. W. McKenzie and board member Cliff Bradley informed council Tuesday out of the 12 applicants for the position, Mr. Casburn was found to have the highest qualifications.

The new director will have a starting salary of \$5,000 per year, with a flat rate of \$20 per month car allowance, plus an additional car allowance of 10 cents per mile for out-of-town business trips. When he has completed three more years' summer training to gain his Class 'A' director's certificate, consideration will be given for an increase. At present, he holds an interim 'A' certificate. Government grants will reduce the amount of salary paid by the town by \$1,500.

## New Program

During the brief discussion prior to engaging Mr. Casburn, his qualifications were outlined. Mayor John Guy stated, "This is a brand new program Acton is adopting and we cannot afford to have anything but the best. This man has the qualifications."

Parks Board member Cliff Bradley told council, "After all the interviews with applicants, all members agreed we were fortunate in having Mr. Casburn apply with such qualifications."

Mr. Casburn, who motored to Acton during the afternoon, was conducted on a tour of the town by Mr. McKenzie. He was introduced to council following the discussion. He thanked Mr. McKenzie and the Parks Board for their hospitality and told council he was quite impressed with Acton. "There is a real challenge here and I am more than pleased to give it a try," he stated.

## Experience

His experience dates back 10 years, when he began on a part-time basis as a gym instructor, coach, manager, official and assistant in all sports. Five years ago, he began full-time employment in Scarborough as assistant supervisor of recreation.

He has completed a three-year in-service recreation course at the University of Western Ontario.

This summer course is co-sponsored by the Community Programs Branch of the Department of Education. He also holds a registration certificate from the Department of Labor.

Mr. Casburn is no newcomer to the field of sports. He played semi-pro baseball in the United States for Baltimore and Washington for three years. Senior O.H.A. hockey in Toronto, fast-ball with the Beaches League, as well as handball in the Toronto senior leagues.

## Five Children

The new director is married with five children and has been assistant in charge of the recreation program in his area in Scarborough.



**JIM CASBURN**

Scarborough. Part of his program there included supervision of playgrounds, year-round Community Centre activities, swimming, tennis, lawn bowling, football, baseball, indoor and outdoor hockey and lacrosse, as well as lending assistance to many individual organizations.

Along with his wife Pat, Bruce, 13, Douglas, 11, Joanne, 9, Tommy, 7 and Suzanne, 2, Mr. Casburn is looking forward to moving to Acton prior to the beginning of school this fall.

## New Assessor Bill Erskine Started Duties Here Monday

Bill Erskine, Acton's new assessor, hopes the 13th is a lucky day for him. He began his duties in the municipal office Monday, August 13.

He was engaged by council following recommendation of the administration committee.

Mr. Erskine is a married man with one boy, married. Formerly of Toronto, he and his wife Charlotte are hoping to move here next week. He was born near Markdale and was educated at both public and high school there and later attended Royal Business College.

## 10 Years' Experience

The new assessor has 10 years' experience in the field and worked in 1952-53 with the Department of Municipal Affairs when Metropolitan Toronto was reassessed. Since that time until coming to town he worked with the Metropolitan Toronto assessor's department in York District Township and Etobicoke office.

## Open Arms

Mr. Erskine was welcomed with open arms to the town office by the clerk-administrator and his staff. They have been burdened with extra work in the assessing department since the resignation of the former assessor John LaDouceur, who took a position in Ottawa.

The new assessor is looking forward to the time when the arena opens and he can enjoy watching his favorite game, hockey.



**BILL ERSKINE**

## Fair Prize List Is Hot Off Press

The 88-page fall fair prize lists came off the press this week and will be promptly distributed. A bright yellow and green cover heralds the pages of information about classes and prizes within. The fair will be Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15.

Nino Braida is president and Mrs. Irene Swackhamer secretary-treasurer.

## Gibraltar School Closes Doors Replaced by Modern Structure

### By Mrs. A. W. Benton

(Note: Owing to the lack of records, the following article is understandably incomplete. Our information has been obtained from facts told by parents, long ago gone, to their children, who have attended S. S. No. 9, and from a few recent records still here. Our thanks go to Mr. Harry R. Brown, Mr. W. Bowman, Mr. C. Cross and any others who have helped in any way.)

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new." So, after 117 years, S.S. No. 9 has been absorbed into Esquesing School Area No. 1 and loses its identity. A new, modern, six-room classroom school is being built in the village and is expected to serve the northern part of the township, beginning in September, 1962.

As was usual in early days when forests were dense in this area, the first S.S. No. 9 school was built of logs about 1845 and situated on Lot 18, Concession 6 W., across the lane from the cottage belonging to Roger Vincent. Afterwards, it was moved to Limehouse, on the east side of the fifth line and occupied by the Robert Scott family. It was moved to Church Hill later for a residence and later used as a hog pen by the Swackhamer family, and was torn down only a few years ago.

The lower room of the stone school was built on the present site about 1862 and the second storey was completed in 1875. For a number of years, both rooms were used. About 1890, the upper storey fell into disuse and Miss Bella Gordon taught 60 or more pupils in 10 grades in the lower room.

No limit seemed to be put on the number of pupils a teacher could handle, providing the room would seat them. The playground was believed too small, so in 1953, approximately an acre was purchased from Newton Ruddlell.

In 1954, when numbers had reached 45, the second room was respected. Great credit is due the board of trustees and a few others, especially Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks, who gave of their time and labor in renovating the new room free of charge.

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## Expect Numerous Water Breaks to Erupt As Water Pressure Increases Next Month

Numerous water breaks may erupt from Acton's water lines in older residential sections, when the new reservoir on Church Hill Road is put into use in September, members of Acton council concluded Tuesday.

Water pressure in the mains is expected to increase to 100 pounds in some areas compared with present pressure of approximately 35 pounds. Councilors decided to publish a map outlining the town's pressure system so homeowners may be alert to water breaks that develop.

Sewer and water chairman J. Bert Wood expressed his alarm for the anticipated water pressure increase and asked council for permission to inform homeowners of indicated increases. He suggested the meter reader might make preliminary inspections for the homeowners who may be subject to trouble with their present system. "The engineer stated the surge might go from 25 to 30 pounds over the present pressure," remarked the chairman.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie said homeowners could purchase a pressure relief valve to offset the increased pressure on the lines and suggested that every home in the older part of town could easily be affected unless new lines had been installed in the last few years.

It was reported by the sewer and water chairman that a relief

pressure system might be available in order to control the residential supply and still give adequate pressure for industry.

Mayor Gov. informed council perhaps consideration might be given to making members of the town staff familiar with the waterworks system available to advise homeowners if their system was adequate or not. "Of course in this event there would be no responsibility on the town if anything happened," he stated.

"Give It A Try"

Councilor Frank Prouse said he was in favor of main control valves (these were estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000 apiece and two might be required to control the town water system). The mayor expressed his objection to this action and stated he was not in favor of spending \$165,000 for the reservoir to increase water pressure and perhaps \$5,000 to reduce it again. "I say turn it on and try it and if it doesn't work turn it off again," he stated. In conclusion Mr. Gov. advised the pressure relief system controlled by the town not be considered at present but urged council to publish the map for the public.

Want Sidewalks

A petition from residents in the Guelph and Main Street North area asked council's consideration for sidewalks and the problem was turned over to the

road committee for investigation and recommendation. If the work is undertaken by the town under local improvement, each homeowner affected would be assessed their portion of the cost.

In the absence of works superintendent All Dubs for two weeks' holiday, council authorized the clerk to name one of the work staff to oversee the work at an additional remuneration of \$10 per week. This action was taken after the clerk advised council he is subject to all back to hospital at any time for examination. (During his holidays just completed, Mr. McGeachie was under the doctor's care and expects examination by a specialist.)

The clerk-administrator was instructed to prepare a by-law for the formation of a recreation committee after reading a copy of a draft by-law prepared by the Department. The draft by-law outlined the duties and control of such a committee. Council agreed to incorporate a paragraph stating that all books would be kept by the committee with signing power given to one or two members, and cheques payable be handed to the clerk for his final signature and mailing.

After approval from the Ontario Municipal Board was obtained, council gave the third and final reading to a by-law amend-

ing the town zoning by-law outlining apartment buildings.

After hearing a letter from Fire Chief Doug Wilson, County Coordinator for Halton Mutual Fire and council agreed to have the insurance agent check fire insurance policies to see if the new fire radios installed in trucks were included.

It was learned during the monthly police report that 39 prosecutions had been listed and out of this number 36 convictions upheld with one dismissal and two withdrawals resulting from the radar control system. Councilors agreed the new radar system was doing a good job and police had been busy during the past month.



**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE** handed out certificates to 11 successful graduates in the First Aid and Home Nursing Courses during graduation Thursday night, August 9, at the United Church. Some of the children presently enrolled in courses were in attendance along with parents and friends. Children receiving certificates and others on the course as well as leaders are shown above. Front row kneeling left to right are Raelen

Hoichen, Superintendent Robert S. Hari and Barbara Nicolak; second row left to right, Jo-Arme Heatley, Brenda Henry, Terry Gordon, Bob Hart Jr., Brenda Fryer, Sharon Dowling and Helen Harris; back row Mrs. E. Heffernan, Darlene Johnston, Anne Fryer, Sandra Hargrave, Lynda Reiners and treasurer Mrs. G. Hargrave.