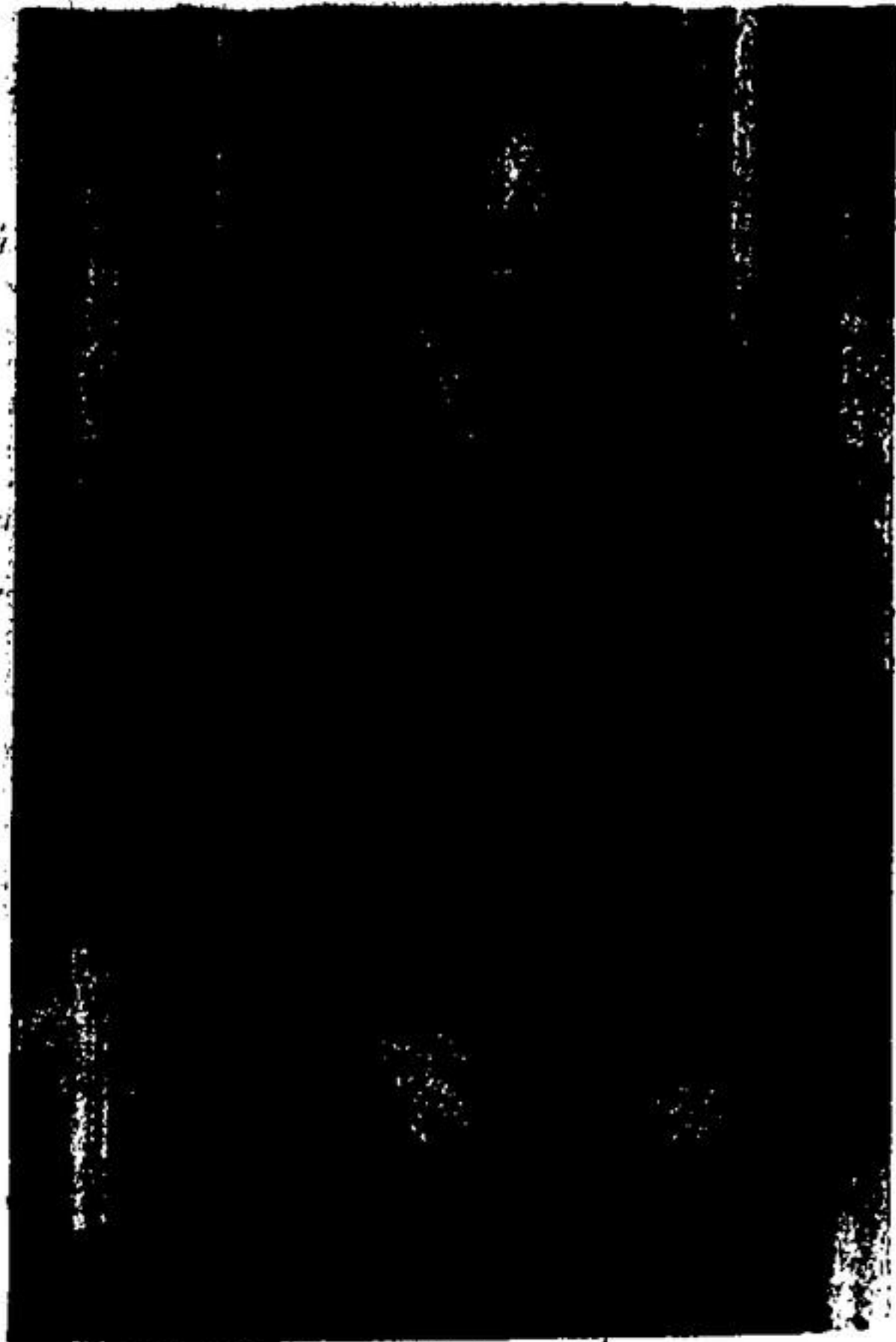


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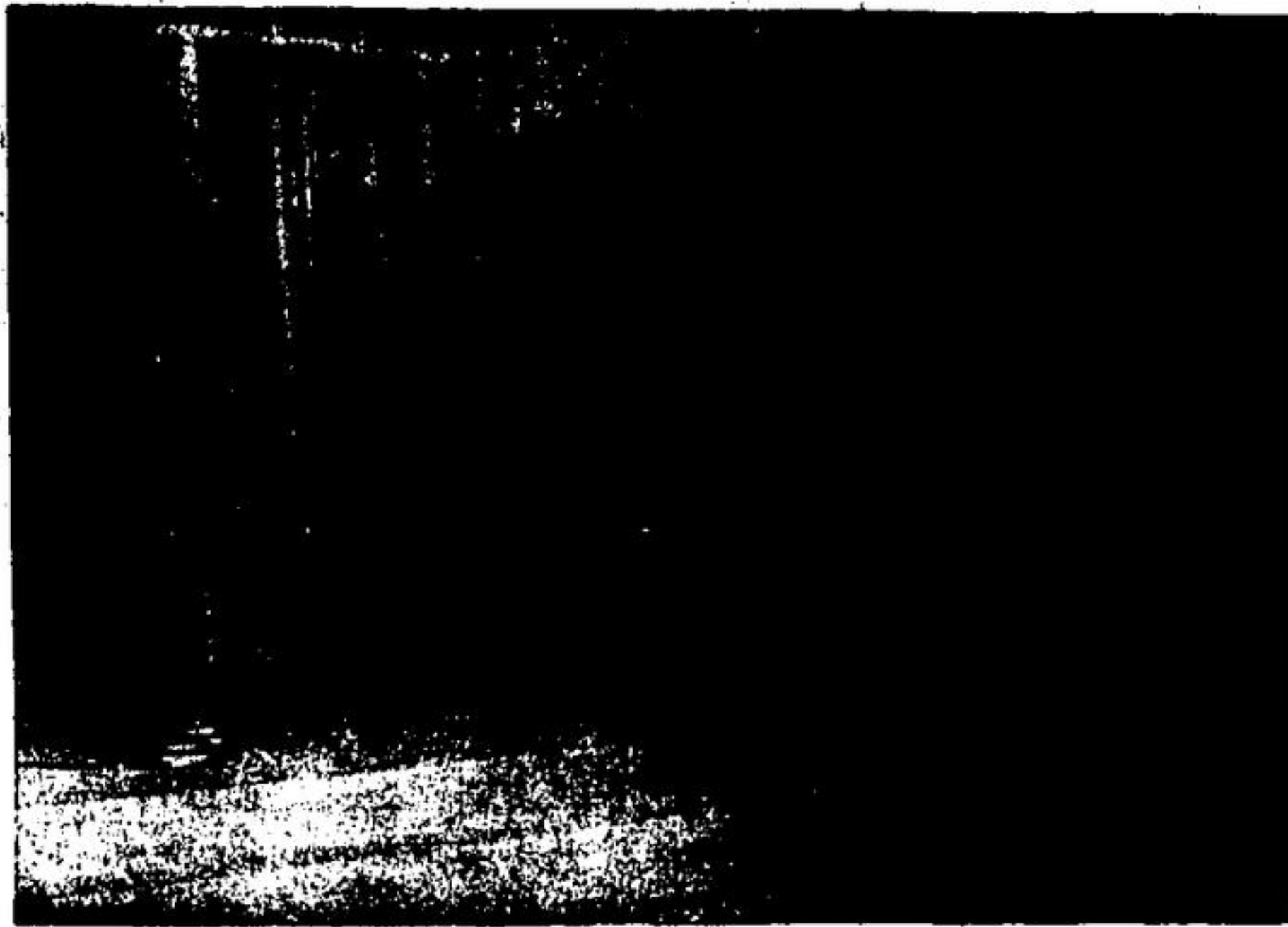
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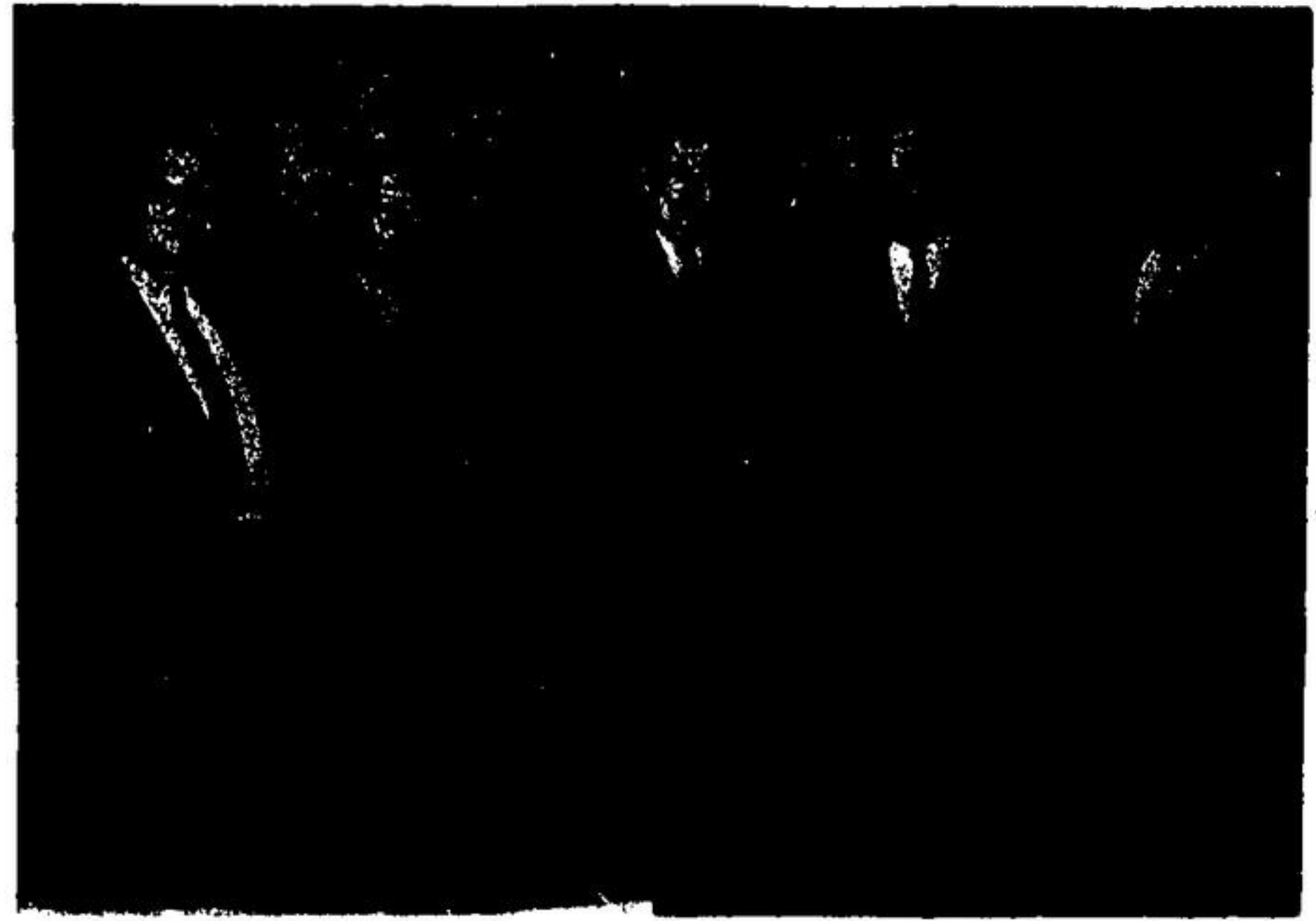
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**WARDEN C. A. MARTIN** didn't waste any time snipping the bright red ribbon to open the new administration building. Cold weather and a heavy snowfall hurried up the brief Saturday ceremony, as a crowd of over 400 stood waiting to enter and inspect the building.



**COUNTY COUNCILLORS** pointed with pride to their new million dollar administration building, court house and registry office Saturday and Sunday, as close to 2,000 attended the opening ceremony and open house. Above, during the official opening ceremony on Saturday, building committee chairman Reeve John Elliott of Georgetown speaks at the microphones. Alongside are Nassageweya Deputy-Reeve John Robertson, Museum Curator Maj. H. J. Newman, Esq., Reeve G. Leslie, Acton Reeve and 1961 building committee chairman R. J. Hargrave, Burlington Reeve F. I. Ryckman, Georgetown Deputy-Reeve William Hunter, and Esqueving Deputy-Reeve Wilfred Leslie.



**CHIEF JUSTICE McRUER** of the Supreme Court of Ontario was among the many dignitaries who attended the official opening of the new Halton Administration Building and court house on Saturday. Above, Sheriff Andrew W. Frank, Inspector of Legal Offices A. A. Russell, the Chief Justice, Halton Law Association president C. E. Featherhead of Acton, and Halton Crown Attorney P. K. McWilliams confer in one of the new court rooms.



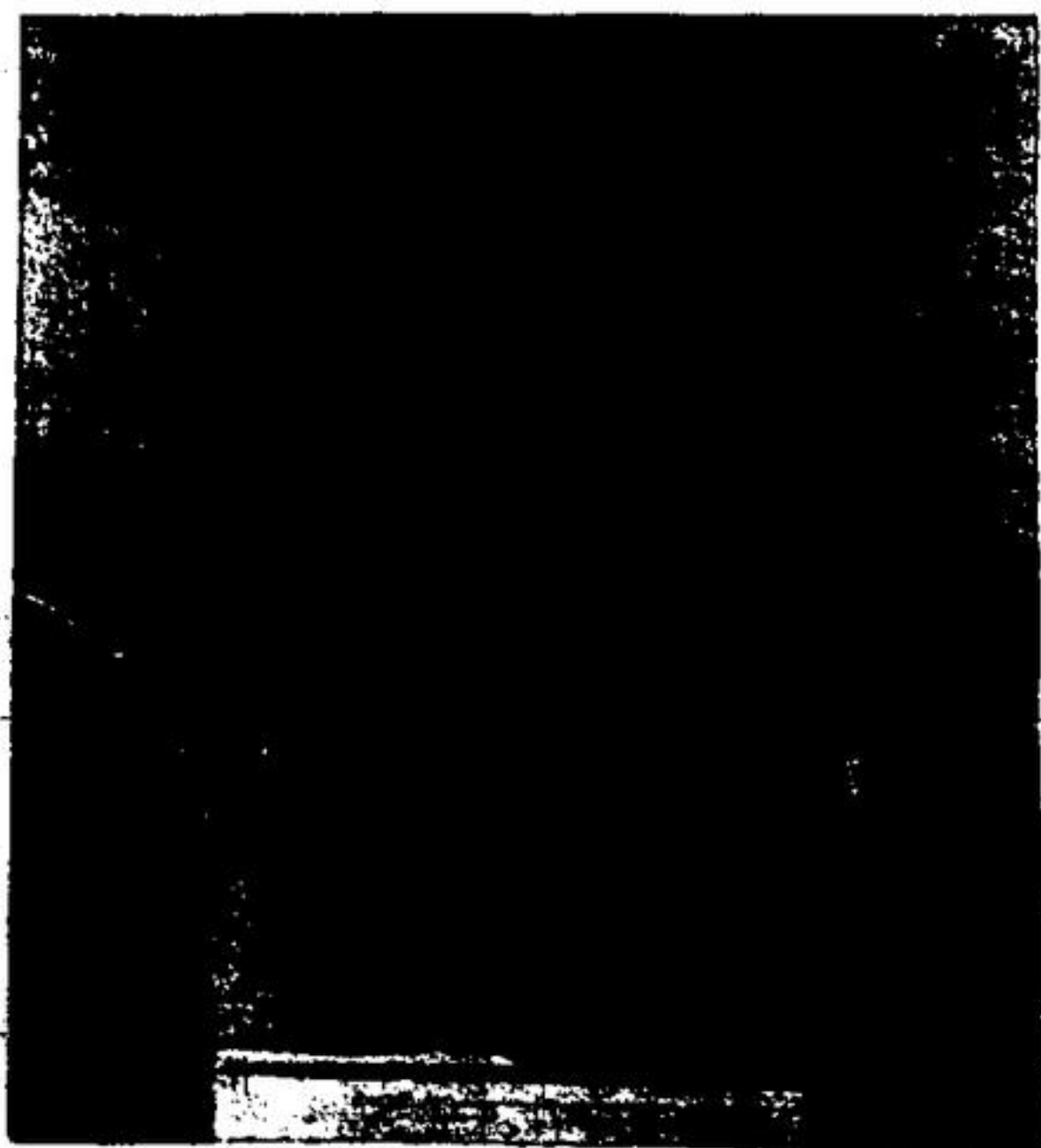
**MRS. WILFRID BIRD**, wife of the late Warden who served Halton during the first part of 1962, presented a painting in memory of her husband at the official opening of the new Halton County Administration Building Saturday. Shown with her is the artist, Maj. H. J. Newman of Georgetown. The painting depicts the colorful scenery around the Kelso Dam.



**MANY FORMER OFFICIALS** of Halton County were in attendance over the weekend as county council opened the new administration building on the Base Line. Shown chatting during the open house are former Trafalgar councillor Joe Wickson, who was Warden in 1952 during the county's 100th anniversary year, former sheriff W. J. L. Hampshire of Esqueving, sheriff from 1935 to 1946, former Nelson councillor Charles Readhead of Lowville, who was eight years on the county council and the 1917 Warden, and William Robertson of Lowville, sheriff from 1946 to 1958.



**A PRIZED SOUVENIR** of Saturday's county administration building was carried home by Mrs. Jim McPhail, three-year-old grandchild of the late Warden Wilfrid Bird. Doug was presented with a picture of the new structure that Warden C. A. Martin cut to open the new million dollar structure. Warden Martin, right, made the presentation. Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McPhail, and is the only grandchild of the late Warden Bird.



**ADMIRING THE DRAPES** in the council chamber at Saturday's administration building opening are Dr. C. A. Martin, Reeve of Milton and Warden of Halton County, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkes Hoey, who designed and made the drapes. Mrs. Hoey also painted a water color of the former court house, which hangs in the new building as a memorial to the late Warden Wilfrid Bird, who died during his term of office.



**LORNE SCOTS BANDS** entertained the crowds that viewed the new building over the weekend. Above, part of Saturday's crowd is shown with the Lorne Scots Military Band, directed by Lt. E. G. Corlett. On Sunday, the Lorne Scots Pipes and Drums played for the open house, under the direction of Pipe Major Joe Sellors. Nearly 500 were at Saturday's opening, while over 1,000 inspected the offices, court rooms and registry office at the Sunday open house.



**JUDGE G. E. ELLIOTT** had many visitors in his private chambers and courtroom during the open house Saturday and Sunday. Above, he greets Halton's Agriculture Representative J. A. Francis and Esqueving councillor George Currie. The court facilities occupy the third floor of the new court house and administration building.