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Conflict of Interest Protest Lodged Against Councillor

An unsuccessful candidate for mayor during the municipal election this year, Edward McDonald, 39 Mowbray Place, confirmed Wednesday a report he had lodged a conflict of interest protest against a councillor-elect with clerk Jack McGeechie.

Charges Councillor

The letter of protest was filed by registered mail by Mr. McDonald who charges the councillor is conducting business with the town by selling insurance. The newspaper claims this is strictly against a certain section of the Ontario Municipal Act and stated "I would expect the councillor in question to either resign or at least withhold being sworn in until this matter is cleared up." Mr. McDonald fails to see how any councillor can represent both the town and his employer at the same time if an issue involving a conflict of interest should arise.

Telephone Poll

During a telephone poll Wednesday evening, the Free Press contacted members of the 1962 council and asked their personal opinion on the conflict of interest protest. The following are the replies received.

1962 Mayor John Goy, "The subject in question arose last year and I personally had the problem cleared with Queen's Park. I understand the courts to date

have always ruled no conflict of interest in similar cases."

Reeve Jack Hargrave "I cannot see a basis for such a charge against any councillor."

Deputy Reeve William Denny "There is absolutely no grounds for such a charge against any councillor."

Councillor Les Dudy "I am not at all personally interested in such a charge. Anytime there has been a debatable issue involving potential conflict of interest, the problem has been cleared with Queen's Park."

Mayor-elect George Barbeau "If anyone is perturbed regarding the legality of any member sitting on council, they should take the case before the courts for proper clarification."

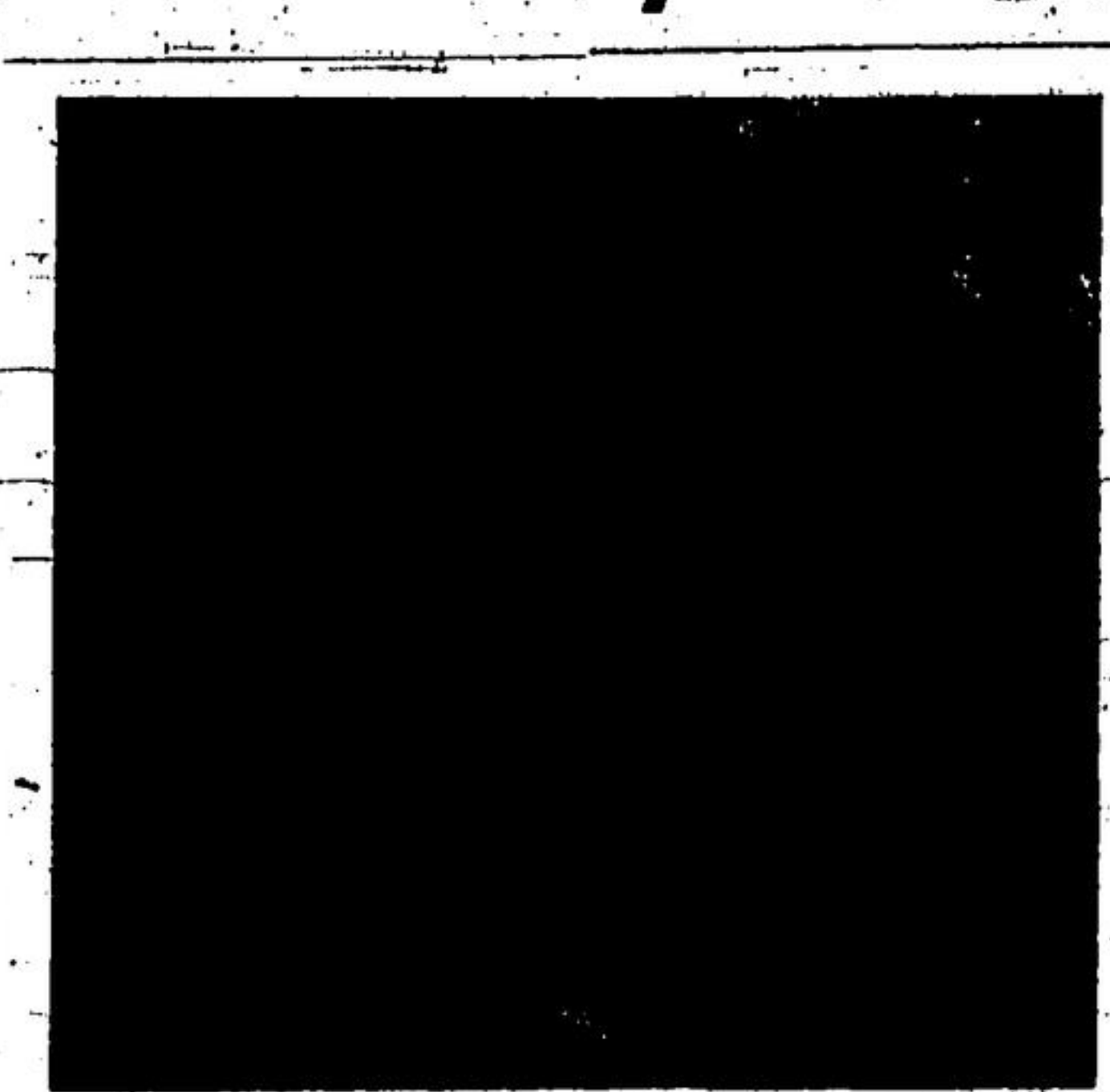
Councillor Frank Toth "I have never seen any basis for such a charge."

Councillor Alec Johnson "I fail to see where there is any justified basis for such a charge. It is my understanding that any commissions enjoyed by selling insurance to the town is shared by recognized agents."

Councillor W. H. Peal "I have attended all but one committee meeting during the past year and can honestly say there is no basis of a conflict of interest charge against any council member."

Councillor J. Bert Wood "If any councillor sells his product directly to council there is a basis of conflict of interest. At no time during 1962 has any councillor received any payment from council for any product sold to the town or for any work done."

Industrial Production is \$13,588,187 Annual Payroll to 977 is \$3,196,315



"MILKSCIES, ANYONE?" The thermometer registered around 20 below zero Monday. The cow is "Dale Beaton Pinn's Orange," one of a large herd of Jerseys owned by A. J. Murray and Son, R.R. 3, Acton. With her is Russell Murray, well known 4-H club member. Actually the cows fared better than motor cars during the cold spell. At least they didn't require a push to get them started.

Acton's 18 manufacturing establishments, in 1959, produced goods valued at \$13,588,187, according to statistics just released in the 1962 edition of the Canada Year Book.

These 18 industries employ 977 earning salaries and wages totaling \$3,196,315. The cost of fuel and electricity consumed totals \$263,198 and the cost at the plant of materials used was \$7,750,642.

Minority 15 industries, whose 928 employees earn \$4,081,683 and

produce goods valued at \$14,586,706.

Figures on other Halton municipalities show Georgetown with 22 industries, 1290 employees and an annual payroll of \$5,156,129. Goods produced are valued at \$18,352,625.

Oakville has 49 industries with 5,694 employees and an annual payroll of \$27,735,568. The selling value of factory shipments is \$274,502,645.

No figures are listed for Burlington.

Accident, Fatality Rate Is Up for North Halton

The accident, injury, fatality and property damage rates in the North Halton O.P.F. district surrounding Milton, Georgetown and Acton increased greatly this past year. There were 419 accidents, 10 persons were killed, 163 were injured, and \$210,177 worth of property damage resulted.

In 1961 there were 375 accidents, two killed, 129 injured and \$161,594 in property damage.

December was again the bad month for accidents, with 54 separate crashes; June was the worst month for deaths and injuries with four killed and 23 hurt; and August saw the most

property damage of any month, \$36,260.

The Record:

The following table shows the total by months:

Month	Accidents	Deaths	Injured	Property Damage
Jan.	36	5	—	\$ 9,670
Feb.	26	6	—	18,510
March	23	10	3	8,630
April	21	11	—	6,845
May	33	16	1	14,515
June	35	23	4	16,925
July	37	19	—	15,790
August	29	7	—	36,260
Sept.	35	17	—	18,460
Oct.	43	14	—	16,275
Nov.	47	18	2	31,855
Dec.	54	17	—	16,442
Total	419	163	10	\$ 210,177

39 Years

Dean of the Free Press correspondents is Richard Harris, Rockwood octogenarian who's a frequent visitor to the office. He has been faithfully reporting the news from his area for 39 years, and starts on his 19th year with 1963. Congratulations, Mr. Harris!

—Some Christmas parties have been held over until January to avoid the rush!

Married on Christmas Day In England 50 Years Ago

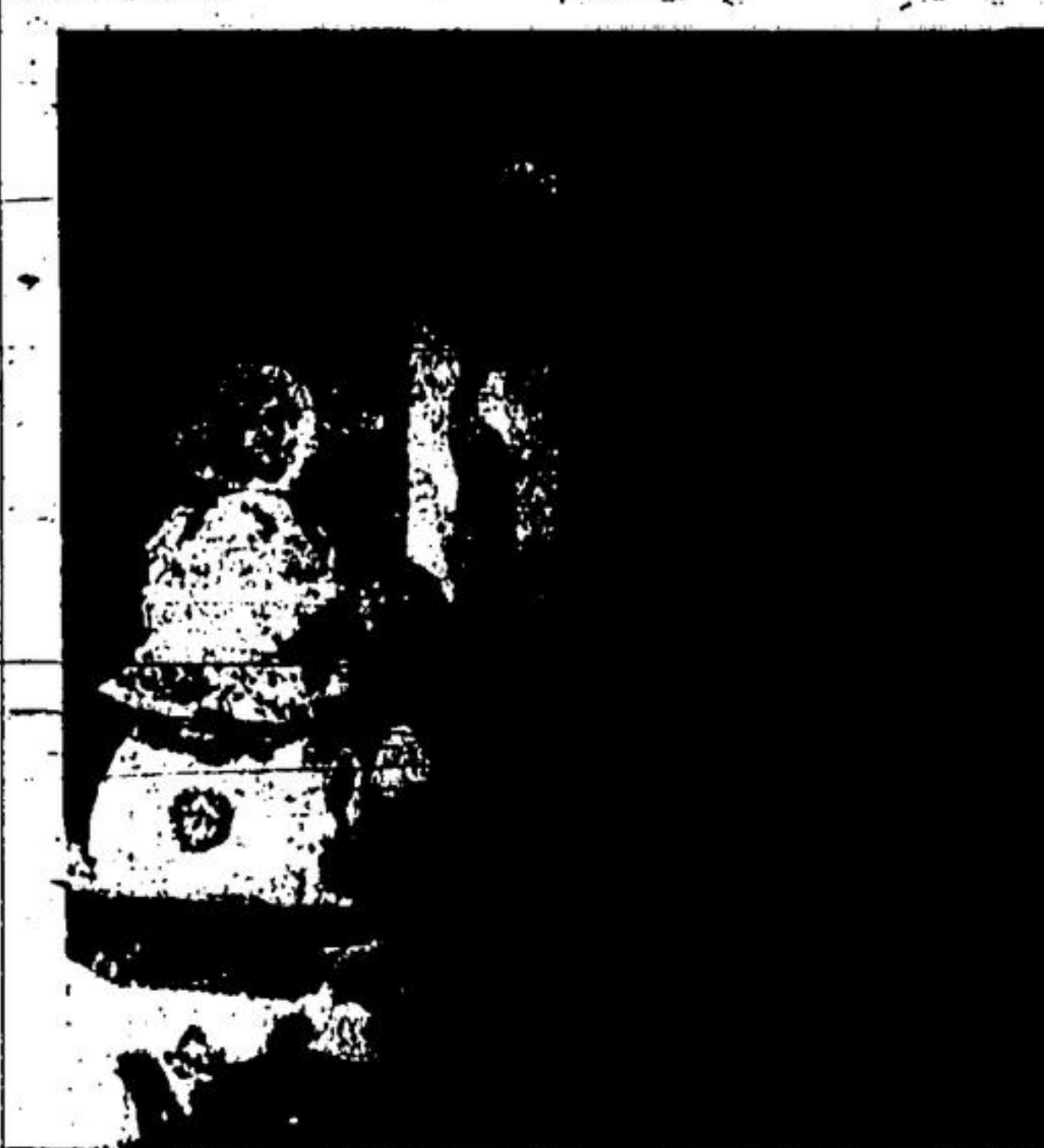
Mr. and Mrs. E. Davies, 3 Young St., Acton, observed the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary quietly with a family gathering at their home on Christmas Day.

They were married on December 25, 1912, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Blackheath, Staffordshire, England. Coming to Canada in June, 1920, they made their home in Limehouse where they lived until moving to their present home in Acton in 1944. A carpenter by trade, he retired eight years ago. Now he makes bird feeders, bird houses, and knock-knacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies have two children living, Elsie (Mrs. Chris Swackhamer) of Acton and Ronald of Guelph. A son, James passed away in 1941.

They have five grandchildren, Jim, Ross, and Diane Swackhamer and Eddie and Paul Davies. The occasion was made happier by the arrival of telegram of good wishes from relatives and friends in England and Florida, flowers, gifts and cards from friends both near and far.

Mr. Davies is a member of Walker Lodge A.F. and A.M. Mrs. Davies likes to sew, crochet and knit, and they're both fond of gardening.



MR. AND MRS. E. DAVIES celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary quietly with their family Christmas day at their home, 3 Young Street. The couple are pictured as they cut a three-tiered wedding cake. They were married in St. Paul's Anglican church at Blackheath, near Birmingham, England. They have two children, Elsie (Mrs. Chris Swackhamer), Acton and Ronald of Guelph, and five grandchildren.

Mac Sprowl is Candidate For P.C. Jan. Nomination

Halton Progressive Conservatives may have a ring full of candidates' hats when they hold a provincial nominating convention in Milton on Friday evening, January 25.

To date several possible candidates have either announced their intention to contest the seat, or their names have been rumored as seeking the post. Among them is Mac Sprowl of Acton, who is well known in the north end of the county. Mr. Sprowl has worked and held office in the Halton P.C. Association for several years, and is widely known in agricultural circles for his work with junior farmers and farm organizations.

Another man to signify his desire for the job is Burlington lawyer George Kerr, a member of Burlington council. Glen Cooper of Oakville, a past president of the Halton organization, is also seeking the seat, and rumors in-

Plant 148,000 Trees in Watershed New Records Set in Authority Parks

More than 148,000 trees were planted during 1962 in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority parks. The chairman reported.

Mr. McMillan noted that in the past two years there had been a substantial increase in public interest and appreciation of conservation and of the facilities offered by the authority, and attributed much of this to "the whole-hearted co-operation we are receiving from press, radio and objectives in publicizing the objectives of conservation."

214,000 Acres
The Credit Valley Authority embraces an area of 214,000 acres, extending from Orangeville in the north, to Port Credit, at the mouth of the river. Sixteen municipalities and parts of four counties are involved in the authority. The authority itself now owns 1,265 acres of land.

The authority is located in the most rapidly developing area in all of Canada," the chairman said, "and it is our duty to aid

in this development, so that ultimately we can ensure that our renewable natural resources, our land, water and forests, are directed to their highest and best use for the people."

Robert Parkoe is Acton's representative on the Authority.

Nass. Permits In 1962 Highest

Nassagaweya Township issued \$16,000 worth of building permits during December, bringing the 1962 total to \$1,715,625. The December permits included an office and garage for Campbellville Gravel Supply, a residence and an addition to an apartment.

The big item in the year's construction in the township was the \$1,420,000 grandstand for the new Mohawk Raceway. Other large items were a \$70,000 home at Eden Mills, quarry offices and a Box Scout pavilion. Fourteen homes were erected during the year. In 1961, the township issued only \$125,000 worth of permits, including 18 homes.

Second Car Fire On Wednesday

Acton firefighters ended 1962 and began 1963 with calls to car fires. Wednesday they battled their second one this week, when fire of unknown origin caused extensive damage to a car owned by Wayne Wilson, Main Street North.

When firefighters arrived, smoke was pouring from under the hood and inside the vehicle. Flames damaged all the wiring, hose connections, windshield, upholstery and car radio.

Sunday firemen battled their last call of 1962 when a car owned by Clark Paul, Glenlea subdivision, caught fire.

Police Force Up New Man Tue.

Under provisions of a new contract signed by Acton council with the Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner, Acton now has five Provincial police officers instead of four. Beginning Tuesday, Bruce McArthur began duties here.

During a council meeting October 18, members agreed the cost

Final Blaze of Glory Sat. For Mound of Yule Trees

"Who hath smelt wood smoke by twilight,
Who hath seen the pine log burning,
Who hath seen the pine log burning,
Who hath seen the pine log burning,

Saturday evening at the Chamber of Commerce Twelfth Night Christmas tree burning, everyone in Acton can, by standing down wind, get a good lung full of smoke and an etched of ashes at the 1962 Christmas trees end up in their final blaze of glory.

Following the tradition established by many years ago, the trees, collected by the town workmen, have been piled in the field just west of Churchill Road South between Longfield Road and the

Verbal Bouquets At Final Meeting

Acton Hydro-Commission completed the year's business Thursday evening, December 27, during a flurry of verbal bouquets tossed at Mayor John Goy, sitting for his final meeting.

Commission members expressed their regrets at not having the retiring mayor attend meetings next year and wished him a well-earned rest. The mayor dropped out of municipal politics this year.

During the brief meeting, chaired by vice-chairman Fred Taylor in the absence of Gord Beatty who arrived toward the end of the meeting, accounts totalling \$19,543.40 were approved for payment. Commercial rates were established at 15 cents per KWH gross for the coming year.

A capital expenditure budget proposed by superintendent Doug Mason was discussed but no action will be taken until the new year.

Pupils returned to school this morning after their Christmas holidays. Their next holiday falls on Easter weekend.

Glancing Back at 1962

A Brief Review of a Year of Progress

As 1962 drew to a close and the New Year was ushered in Tuesday, many residents will recall special events which took place during the past year. For the benefit of interested readers, the Acton Free Press has turned the pages of the 1962 issues and listed, month by month, a few of these important events.

January

Tenders have been called for a new federal post office in Acton, estimated around \$150,000. The site of the new building is located on the old Storey Glove Works' stands and the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Knox. Both buildings will be demolished.

Curbing began Monday on the new artificial ice installed at the Community Centre. Over 100 people have already filled out application forms and paid their membership fee for the season.

Discarded Christmas trees were lit up for the last time. Friday when members of the Chamber of Commerce held their annual tree burning ceremony. A large crowd was on hand to see the flames lick into the sky and enjoy coffee and donuts.

Work has started on the new \$750,000 county administration building in Milton. Steel girders have been erected but further work has been halted by the recent ice storm.

The ice storm knocked out power in sections of town and throughout the rural area. Hydro employees worked overtime restoring power.

Tenders have been called for an estimated \$154,000 project to construct two water reservoirs on Churchill Road North above the present water well. The contract will be let February 6.

February

Wilmar Construction Company, Dundas, Ont., was awarded the contract for the erection of the new federal post office in Acton. Demolition of the two buildings will begin immediately after which work on the new buildings will begin.

Two World War I veterans, Sam Snow and Gilbert Kingsbury, were honored by Acton Legion Saturday evening when they received their 25 year membership pins.

Acton Lions Club staged the first dance in the Community

Close Shave For Arena Ice

Excessive ice at the Community Centre is being shaved off today (Thursday). The buildup of ice is causing ice-making machinery to work overtime and increasing the cost of production of artificial ice.

In order to operate on a more economic basis, the ice should be reduced to an approximate 1 1/2 inch thickness. Presently some spots measure over five inches in thickness.

The Parks Board approved purchase of an ice shaver providing some agreement for payment could be made. Later it was learned a used shaver was available from Guelph Curling Club and it was brought to the arena Wednesday and an operator arrived today to give a demonstration. If the demonstration is satisfactory and a suitable purchase price can be reached, it is believed the machine will be bought from the Guelph Club.



of establishing their own police force was too prohibitive and it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the police commissioner and engage an additional policeman while renewing the agreement.

Constable McArthur is single, hails from Bancroft and came to Acton from Burlington headquarters after a year on the force. The Acton Detachment under the supervision of Corporal Ray Mason includes constables Mervin Harness, Bruce Kressler, Ron Rupert and Bruce McArthur.

March

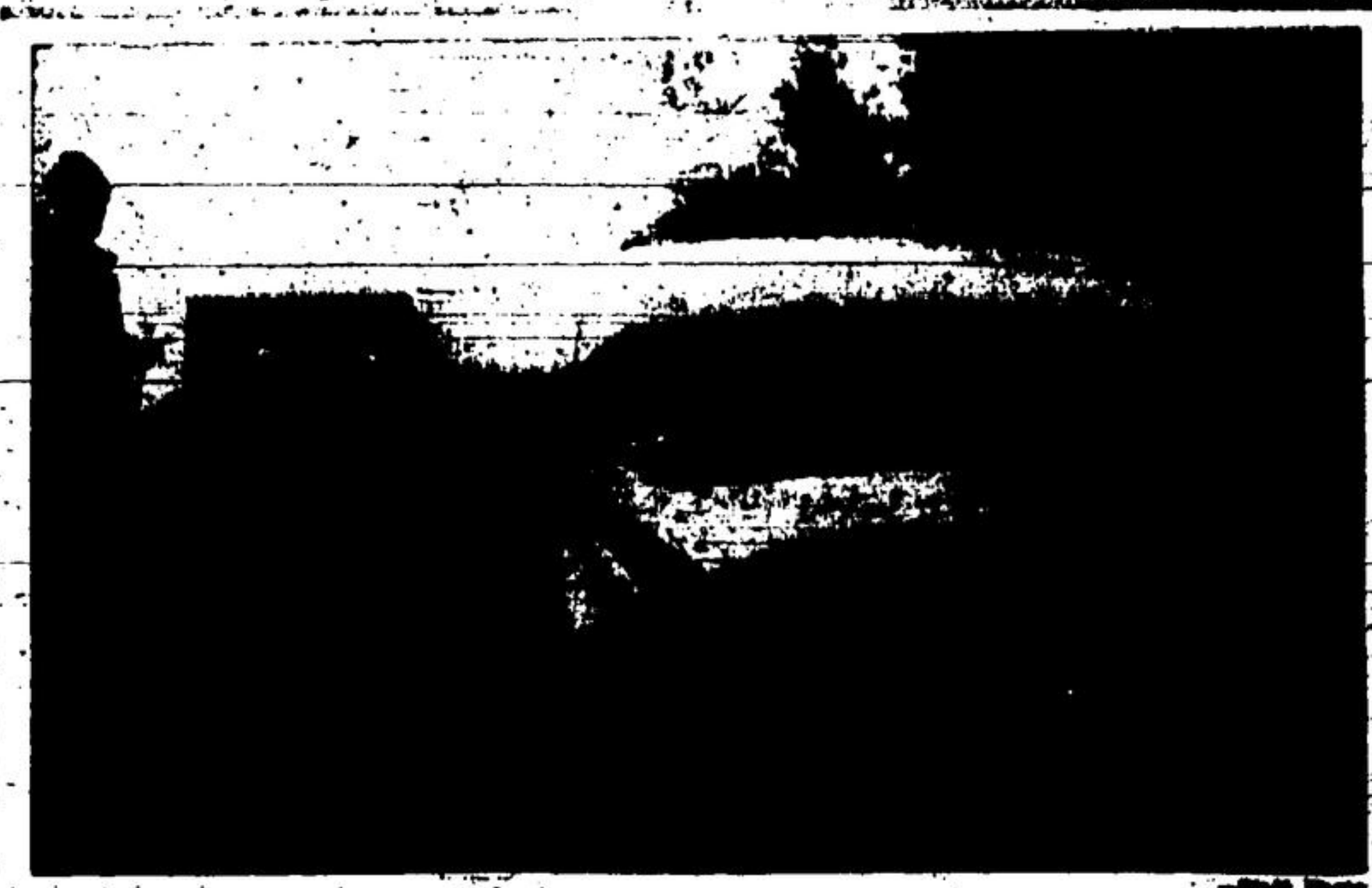
A \$10,000 mortgage went up in flames when elders of Churchill Church and the congregation held a mortgage-burning ceremony. The mortgage represented the cost of renovations at the church and was paid in full in nine years.

Council members are faced with deciding whether to construct a steel or wooden roof on the digester plant. Last week, the lid collapsed at the disposal plant and the sewer and water committee have been instructed to have a new lid installed immediately.

Acton's two fire trucks will soon be equipped with a two-way radio system. The system is being installed in every fire department throughout Halton County.

Mayor John Goy announced a lower tax rate during a special meeting of Council this week. Ratepayers will enjoy a 58.5 mill rate for residential assessment and the industrial-commercial and rate will be 61.75 mills. During the meeting, Council agreed to spend \$1100 for a used street sweeper from the City of Toronto.

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EXTENSIVE DAMAGE to a car owned by Wayne Wilson, Main Street, was caused shortly after 1 p.m. Wednesday, when fire of unknown origin damaged the wiring, hose connections, windshield, upholstery and radio. Firemen used chemicals and water to douse the blaze as smoke poured from inside the parked vehicle.