

# Tax Rate Climbs 8 Mills for \$591,000 Budget

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### Tony Hurst Represents Acton in Speech Final

Top orator in the public school speaking contest Tuesday, 13-year-old Tony Hurst received the B. D. Rachlin trophy as well as a pen and pencil set.

The Robert Little pupil topped six other speakers, three from his own school and three from the M. Z. Bennett school. Taking part were Elizabeth Hurst, grade 6 pupil at the Robert Little school; Cathy Krul, grade 7, R. L. school; Mary Lou Rogers, grade 7, R. L. school; Gail McLaughlin, grade 7, M. Z. Bennett school; Jeanie Sprouton, grade 7, M. Z. Bennett school and Steven Johnston, grade 8, M. Z. Bennett school.

Judges for the afternoon were Mrs. D. Wight Engel, Mrs. H. H. Wilson and assistant high school principal Michael Bevan. They commended all the pupils for their efforts.

The B. D. Rachlin trophy, which remains the property of

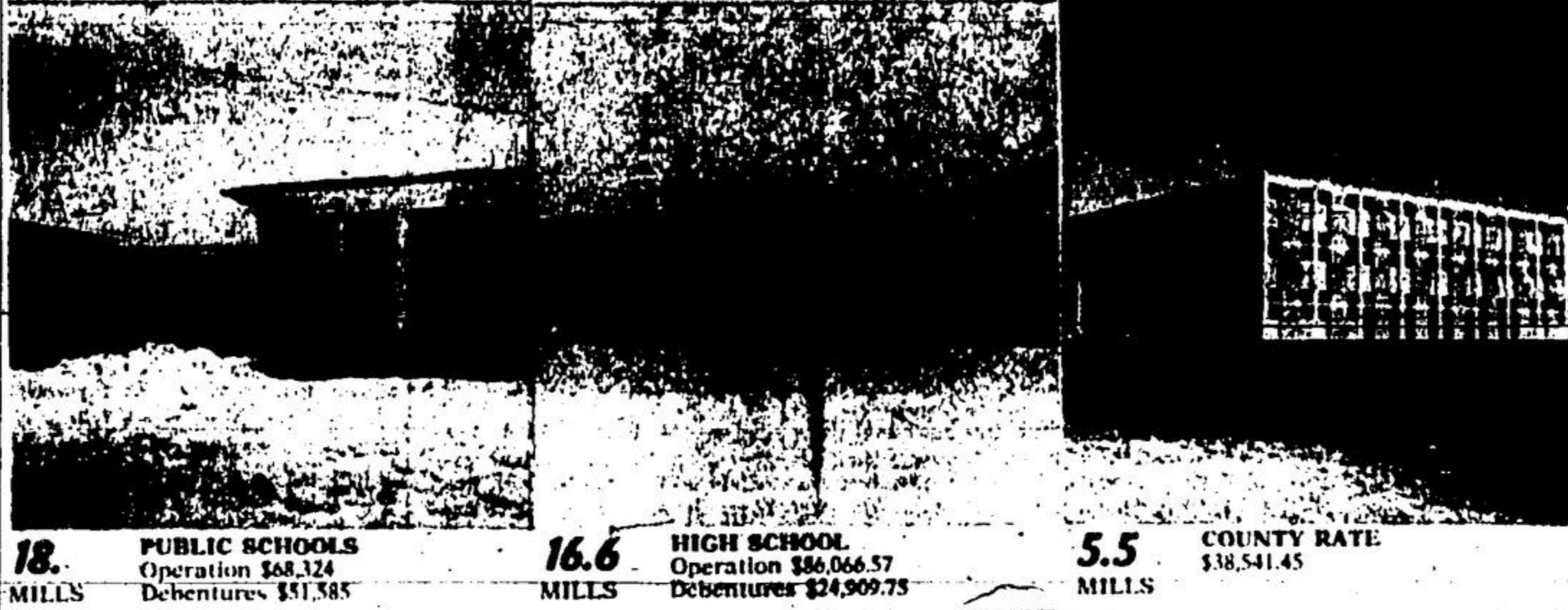
the winning school for a year, was first presented in 1953. Winners to date are Raymond Brada, Ella Jany, Ella Jany, Katherine Kirkness, Lesley Anne Dury, Mary Gibbons, Helen Benton, Anne Vale, Anne Bennett, Kathryn McKenzie and this year's winner Tony Hurst. Each winner has his or her name inscribed on a plate on the trophy.

The trophy was presented to the young winner by Mr. Engel, and the pen and pencil set donated by the Acton Hydro Electric Commission was presented by secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Audrey Urquhart.

School board trustee Vic Bristow presented each contestant with a book on behalf of the board.

When the Halton County public speaking finals are held in the Robert Little school this Friday evening, Tony Hurst will represent Acton.

### Where Your Tax Dollars Are Spent



18. PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Operation \$68,324  
Debentures \$51,585

16.6 HIGH SCHOOL  
Operation \$86,066.57  
Debentures \$24,909.75

5.5 COUNTY RATE  
\$38,541.45



32.8 GENERAL PURPOSES  
Administration, Salaries, Bldg. Maint., Cemetery, Insurance, Dog Control \$65,198.00 PLUS

PROTECTION  
Fire, Police, Division Court, Street Lights - \$49,839.61

PUBLIC WORKS  
Roads, Equipment, Sidewalks, Bridges - \$38,418



SANITATION, HEALTH, WELFARE  
Garbage, Insulin, Ambulance, Relief - \$19,603

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY  
Library, Parks, Community Centre, Lurr, Planning, Urban Bd., Bands - \$19,058.85

DEBENTURES \$91,898.62  
Water, Sewer, Debits, Taxes written off Grants - \$45,557.88

### Les Duby Mayor Balance '63 Term

Councillor Les Duby, a member of Acton's municipal government for the fourth term, was chosen Acton's mayor to complete the 1963 term of office following the resignation of George V. Barbeau.

Mr. Duby was the unanimous choice for the position Wednesday and told members he would try to extend to council and the ratepayers, as mayor, the same honest effort he had as councillor.

Mr. Barbeau's resignation was submitted last meeting following a promotion in A. P. Green Firebrick Company to production manager of the Acton and Weston plants.

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### HALTON ELECTION ROUNDUP

#### Harley Urges Decisive Majority

Dr. Harry Harley told Nassau Liberals the major issue in this election is whether or not Canada will have decisive majority government, when he spoke to nearly 50 at an informal gathering in the Brookville Hall on Tuesday evening. Dr. Harley stressed that a party must be strong externally and internally in order to give Canada the type of government it needs.

"Externally," he said, "it must have a clear majority, and internally it must be strong within itself. The Conservative Party has shown that it is not strong internally and if it can't do a job

for itself, it can't do a job for us. The split in the Conservative Party goes into this County where the Conservative candidate has taken one stand and his Party leader another.

Dr. Harley summarized Liberal policies on farming and agriculture, pensions, unemployment and education. He noted that if the Liberals were elected, an Assistant Minister of Eastern Agriculture would be appointed, probably Bruce Beer of Peel County.

Following his brief talk, he answered questions from the floor. Mrs. Harley arrived late at the meeting to join her husband.

#### Five Candidates Official

The lists of five candidates were officially issued into the election ring Monday afternoon when returning officer Richard West of Burlington held a two-hour nomination meeting at the Milton Town Hall.

Nomination papers had been signed and turned in over the weekend by agents for all five candidates, but the nomination meeting was necessary according to the electoral law. There were no extra candidates and no speeches. None of the candidates even attended.

The five, and the order in which they appear on the April 2 ballot, papers, are Sandy Best, Georgetown, scientist (Progressive Conservative); Ellis Fullerton, 418 9th Line, Oakville, high school teacher (New Democratic Party); Harry C. Harley, 345 Ashbury Rd., Oakville, physician (Liberal); Henry Timmins, R.R. 2, Georgetown, financial analyst

(Independent conservative); and Irv Wilson, 5122 Meadowhill Rd., Burlington, company manager (Social Credit). The parties for each candidate will not be listed in the ballot—only their name, address, and occupation.

Neither Dr. Best or Dr. Harley can use their doctorate title in the ballot paper. In the election last June, Dr. Best was listed as C. A. "Sandy" Best, but this time he has dropped the initials. Mr. Wilson used his full first name living on last June's ballot but this year it's just Irv.

Peel County Junior Farmers captured the zone drama competition Wednesday evening against Halton and Wellington Counties. Acton junior farmers represented Halton. Peel will now continue to the provincial competition staged at the O.A.C. April 19.

### Approve New Salary Schedule For Employees, Office Staff

Wednesday evening during council meeting, members approved a new salary schedule for town employees.

Under the new agreement, hourly rated employees' schedule approved will be: new employees and part time help, \$1.40 per hour; basic rate after three months probation, \$1.45 per hour; basic rate for class 2, \$1.50 per hour; special work schedule, \$1.55 per hour; overtime, \$1.85 with a difference for overtime hours, 10 cents per hour.

Liability Workers Affected

This classification, labor class 2, includes G. Cooper and Frank equipment operators, Ed Van der Bink, D. Pothier and W. Shepherd, heavy truck driver, Kirkness and special work schedule, J. Lambert and S. Trigg.

Office Staff

An increase amounting to \$100 was granted to town superintendent All Duby. Assessor W. F. King received an increase of \$200. J. Hurst \$100. Mrs. Preston, \$2 per week. Mrs. Clark, \$3.50 per week and clerk J. McGeechie \$100. All increases are retroactive to January 1 of this year.

Office Canteen

Office canteen Harvey Palmer was granted a monthly increase amounting to \$10 as well as \$50 for past services during the last 10 years. Council learned this action was recommended by the committee in view of the low wage granted Mr. Palmer during his employment with the town.

Refer to Committee

An application made during a previous meeting by Eugene Brada for council's consideration to allow Acton Lumber and Supply to operate in the building to be vacated by Corona Shoe was referred to the administration committee.

This action was taken when it was learned two residents not

strongly objected as well as an other ratepayer living in the area who was present at council.

Council learned they were not authorized to allow anyone to break the existing zoning by-law without an amendment to the by-law.

### Three Die in 10 Days

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Although they have repeatedly asked for danger signals such as a large checkered, and more prominent, coloration of the road, they have resulted in no action. And a request to the Township school board for a crossing guard to safety guide children across the busy highway to Strathville School has also been refused.

The Seventh Line which passes through the centre of the village, dips and curves and crosses over a bridge, beside the township hall. Parents have sent their children to school with lunches, so they would not have to walk along the highway an extra two trips a day at noon hour.

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Strathville, drove north down a hill leading into the village. Their car missed the sharp curve and laterally wrapped itself around a hydro pole.

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Miss Hamilton was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Hamilton, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamilton of Milton.

The driver was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotton of Orton, near Orangeville. His grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Alger Cripps once lived in Acton.

### P.O. Opening

Acton's new post office will be officially opened Monday morning around 9:45 a.m. The announcement was made by Halton Conservative candidate "Sandy" Best.

Although details of the opening are still vague, it is believed officials from the Department of Public Works, Postal Department, town council and Mr. Best will take part in the ceremony.

Invited to attend will be the general public, representatives from churches, industry and other organizations.

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Action Council's Finance chairman J. Bert Wood Wednesday evening during a special meeting to set the 1963 mill rate informed council this year's rate established at 72.9 mills for commercial, industrial and 66.5 mills for residential was the highest in the history of the town. Last year the rate was 63.75 for commercial and 58.5 for residential.

"Proposed Further Increases"

Mr. Wood prophesied another possible increase in the next few years in the event a new high school addition is built.

"Education has been a thorn in our flesh, but Acton is no different from any other place. During a meeting with the finance committee from the high school board we pleaded with them to reduce their original budget and were told anything over a \$1,500 reduction would reduce the teaching efficiency."

Mayor George Barbeau stated "There isn't a man around this table who should feel badly about the increased budget. Everyone has spent many hours on it. If a dollar could have been saved it would have been."

Mr. Wood expressed his appreciation to the clerk and members of his committee for their untiring efforts and perseverance in preparation of the budget and were told anything over a \$1,500 reduction would reduce the teaching efficiency."

Following is a breakdown of the 1963 budget compared with last year's figures:

RECEIPTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
	1962 Actual	1963 Budget
Taxation, local improvements, supplementary	\$7,878,968.	\$7,028.36
Debtenture Debt Recoverable, hydro, water, sewers	(44,310.12)	44,257.63
Grants and Subsidies, relief, fire and police, highways, L.C.B.O., County Children's Aid	(21,919.68)	20,106.02
General Licenses, dog tax, tax penalties	(4,144.79)	4,650.00
Other Revenues, town hall rent, fines, Warren Grove sidewalk	(2,044.14)	1,856.73
Recreation and Community, ambulance, cemetery	(4,230.89)	4,300.00
Miscellaneous Items, sundry, poll tax, township fire standby, Warren Grove	(3,070.00)	1,950.00
Cash in Lieu of Taxes, post office, L.C.B.O., Acton hydro	(1,996.46)	5,877.78
Surplus	(14,294.95)	1,132.75
Unconditional	(12,846.40)	10,972.45
Total Receipts	(\$537,912.06)	\$102,131.72

DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
	1962 Actual	1963 Budget
Council salaries, administration salaries, pensions, audit fees, union insurance, health insurance, cemetery, insurance, printing and postage, maintenance public buildings, office administration, legal and court costs, election expense, workmen's compensation, dog control	(54,005.72)	\$65,198.00
Protection to persons and property, fire, police, division court, street lighting	(43,001.96)	49,839.61
Public Works, roads, miscel roads, equipment, sidewalks, Godson (65 bridges)	(45,045.89)	38,418.00
Sanitation and Waste, garbage, dump	(6,126.43)	7,753.00
Conservation of Health, insulin, ambulance	(1,819.78)	1,850.00
Social Welfare, relief	(8,551.65)	10,000.00
Recreation and Community, library, community centre, parks board, hall fair board, planning board, urban board, bands (cellars), pipe)	(15,084.82)	19,058.85
Debtentures—less schools	(93,911.87)	93,806.62
To Others, interest charges, water debit, sewer debit, taxes written off contingencies and Miscellaneous, Es contingencies, Credit Valley, YMCA taxes, water taxes, hydrant rental, St. John Ambulance, Retarded Children's School, reserve for working funds	(17,056.56)	10,915.88
Debit—Dept of Highways ad. sick and holidays, purchase of land	(9,419.85)	
Total	(\$320,200.58)	\$321,573.96

EDUCATION		
	1962 Actual	1963 Budget
Public School maintenance, debtenture	(\$122,055.00)	\$119,909.25
High School maintenance, debtenture	(6,253,000.00)	110,976.32
County Tax	(33,492.61)	38,541.45
Total	(\$55,800.61)	\$591,000.96

To be raised by taxation for general purposes \$250,414.60

1963 MILL RATE BREAKDOWN			
GENERAL	Mill Rate	Comm. Res.	To Be Raised
Commercial Assessment	32.8		\$107,147.43
Residential Assessment	29.8		112,078.25
Per Capita			11,283.04
Total			\$230,414.60
PUBLIC SCHOOL	18		\$59,166.27
High School	16.6		60,928.44
Total			\$119,909.25
HIGH SCHOOL	16.6	15.00	\$54,568.45
Commercial Assessment	3.761015		56,415.22
Residential Assessment			\$110,976.32
County Rate	5.5	5.5	\$17,966.80
Commercial Assessment	3.761015		20,685.54
Residential Assessment			\$38,541.45
Mill Rate	72.9	66.5	\$499,641.71

### Planning Board Engages New Consultants Approves Park Land Sale

Proposed Planning Associates were engaged at the Acton Planning Board meeting to prepare a restricted zoning by-law for the town of Acton. At a cost of \$2,025, Planning Associates will revise and update the present by-law and official plan. Included in the total are attendance at a hearing before the Municipal Board. An overall map of the town will be prepared as well as significant maps showing in detail the zoning on each property. Work on the new by-law is to begin immediately.

Approve Sale of Park Land

At the meeting, the Board also approved the sale of the park property on the north side of Mill Street East by the town of Acton. The property near the high school known as the Leshman Park is 446 feet along Mill Street by a depth of 50 feet. Private property behind the lots is for sale to increase the depth of the lots. It was left free building lots could be acquired from the area. All water and sewer services are available on Mill Street.

Approve Sale of Park Land

As the tennis court to C-1-A (new commercial) was made by Beardmore and Co. An application to have the Canadian Tire property zoned C-1A was also received. J. H. Creighton attended the meeting and made the application on behalf of Beardmore and Co. and Art Gordon made the application for the Canadian Tire Store. Beardmore and Co. made an application in January to have these lots and two on Church Street zoned C-1. The application at that time was rejected. The two lots on Church Street are not covered in the present application.