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INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES for hockey were presented during the Minor Sports banquet afternoon. Front row left is Jack Irwin with the trophy he received as the most sportsman-like player and at right Dave Garrett with the trophy for the most valuable player—the league. Second row left to right are Roy Dawe, Peter Morrison and Charlie Milne with Howard Dwyer at the back. The four boys received trophies for scoring titles. Not present to receive his trophy was Brian Given.

Anticipate Big Vote Here 60,000 Eligible to Ballot

An estimated 60,000 Halton voters will head for the polls next Monday, April 8, to choose Halton's representative in the government at Ottawa.

This year, for the first time in Halton's history, they have a choice of five candidates. Former Conservative M.P. Dr. Sandy Best and incumbent Liberal M.P. Dr. Harry Harley are both back in the race, as is Social Credit candidate Irving Wilson.

Newcomers are New Democratic Party candidate Ellis Fullerton of Oakville, and Henry Timming of Georgetown, who is running as an independent conservative.

Active Campaign

All five have been actively campaigning for several months, and pre-election activities have stepped into high gear over the past two weeks. Each is attending meetings, giving speeches, coffee parties, dances and other group meetings, as well as making appearances where more than a half dozen eligible voters gather.

Monday is "V-Day" for the voters, and a record-breaking turnout of electors is predicted as the weatherman charts a fine spring day for the balloting. Last year an 82 per cent turnout saw 46,000 votes cast on June 28, and from early indications of an increased interest in this battle an even higher turnout is expected Monday.

98 Vote Win

Sandy Best was elected as Conservative M.P. in 1957 and again in 1958, with big victories over the Liberal candidates. In 1962, however, newcomer Dr. Harley came on strong to oust the incumbent in a close vote, ruing up a 98-vote plurality. The results of that vote were not decided for two weeks until the 4th of April.

Pinegrove School Month's Big Permit

Esquimes Township issued building permits for \$18,000 worth of new construction during the month of March building inspector Williams Halls reported to council Monday.

Biggest single item in the permits was one for \$116,000 for the new Pinegrove consolidated school, under construction on the Seventh Line at Five Side Road.

A restaurant on Highway 25 north of Highway 401, at \$14,000, a marine showroom on Highway 25 near Acton, at \$11,000, and \$42,000 worth of new homes accounted for the rest of the total.

Remove Picket Lines Negotiations Begin

Micro Plastic workers returned to work at 8 a.m. this morning after a wildcat strike which cut off closed down operations at both the Main North and Wallace Avenue plants. Picket lines were removed late Wednesday afternoon and negotiations with the union and plant management began at 9 a.m. today (Thursday).

"Unjust firing" was termed the cause of the walkout, when one employee with five years seniority was fired Monday. Picket lines were set up Tuesday night and a two-men team remained on the picket line overnight Wednesday morning nearly all the 90 men affected gathered in front of the Main Street North plant to join other picketers.

Bill Knight, president of the United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America local 803, A.F. of C. and other officials of the local union joined the picket lines to maintain order and avoid violence. He stated the walkout was not sanctioned by the union local or sanctioned by union officials.

Toronto employees of Ford's Construction Co. voluntarily honored the picket line Tuesday morning when they arrived to continue cement block work on a new plant addition. Management and office employees were all by an hour, but the picket lines Wednesday as picketing was maintained in a quiet, amicable manner.

Wednesday afternoon local union officials met with two representatives from Building Products, Montreal, and one from the Acton plant. By 6 p.m. the men agreed to return to work this morning at 8 a.m. with negotiations to begin at 9 a.m.

Urge Signs, Lower Speed For Stewarttown's Hill

Signs to warn motorists of the dangers ahead, should be posted at Stewarttown on the Seventh Line, a corner's jury recommended Tuesday at an inquest into the death of Miss Elsie Cash, 30, who died there two weeks ago.

The sharp curves and hill should be better signed, and a 35-mile-per-hour speed limit should be legalised and strictly enforced, the jurors said. It is presently posted at 45 miles an hour, but the signs are illegal. Miss Cash died as she rounded an injured dog on the highway, and a car came over the hill, striking her as she jumped from its path. No blame was attached to the driver, Howson Ruddell of Hornby.

A week later two Streetsville teenagers lost their lives when their car missed a curve on the hill, wrapping itself around a telephone pole.

Anticipate 10-Room Addition To Accommodate H.S. Increase

Anticipated enrollment for the next five years will possibly lead to a new 10-room addition at Acton district high school. This was learned Monday evening during the principal's report given to the high school board.

Chairman Edgar Force conceded that an addition was inevitable as the expected enrollment for the fall of '64 would be too high for the present accommodation. Trustee Dwight Engel said the lack of accommodation had been clear for some time and now they would have to face "the horrid truth."

The property committee was instructed to investigate and bring back recommendations to the next meeting.

According to staff estimates, anticipated increased enrollment for the next four years will require five grade nine classes, four grade 10, three grade 11, two grade 12 and two grade 13 classes. In 1967 an additional grade 11 will have to be added.

Included in the proposal were one room for guidance, counselling and study, one science laboratory, six standard classrooms as follows: three rooms to replace those now used at the stone school, one extra classroom for grade 13 by September of this year, one extra room for grade 12 by September 1964, one extra room for grade 11 by the fall of 1967, one library room (not a library classroom) and one extra room for a new special commercial course. Also required will be storage space for new and present auditorium areas, gymnasium floor, space and a lunch area.

When chairman Force reminded the principal the latter read previously from the P.S. Board stated the stone school would not be required by them next term and written notice would be given one year in advance. Mr. Hansen warned the chairman postponement of a new addition could create difficulties especially from a staff viewpoint. The principal said the inspector was alarmed about the loss of time due to teachers having to drive back and forth from the main school to the stone school for classes. "I feel we are liable to lose good teachers on this account," he stated.

Mr. Hansen added it was difficult for teachers to work in two different labs and that travelling between the two schools was a source of irritation to some staff members.

Mortgage to Go to Blazes If Public Supports Project

Tickets for this Friday night's N.H.L. Oldtimers game against the Acton Tanners have been made available for public school children. A contribution has been received which has purchased a block of tickets for children who would not be able to attend the game because of the cost.

The committee, realizing that many children might miss the game, arranged the contribution which made the tickets available. The only stipulation by the donor is that the children must be accompanied by an adult. No unaccompanied children will be admitted on one of these tickets. These tickets are available at the door on Friday night. Tickets for adults remain at \$1.00 each.

Any citizen who is interested in assisting further with the purchase of additional children's tickets is asked to get in touch with Bill MacKay at the Bank of Montreal.

1,300 Sales

At a committee meeting on Monday a report by Joe Hurst, in charge of the ticket sale campaign reported over 1,300 tickets had been sold. Present indications are that the objective will be reached and the mortgage will be repaid to have their ticket stubs in to Joe Hurst by 6 p.m. Friday.

Johnny Gov reported the response to the request for lucky draw prizes had been very well received. Lucky draws will begin shortly after 8 p.m. and made throughout the evening.

Jim Cashburn reported the program had been finalized. The Citizens' Band will play from 7:30 to 8. At 8 o'clock the Acton and Elora Oldtimers' hammer out their grudge match and will be followed by the N.H.L. Tanners game. If the money to retire the mortgage is raised, the burning will take place between the second and third periods of this game.

Gord McCutcheon reported arrangements have been completed to provide a light lunch for the evening's participants following the end of the program.

Tickets are available at many business places in Acton and from other ticket sellers. The objective today (Thursday) has not been reached and any person who can buy even one extra ticket would assist in burning the mortgage.

No Night School Top Post Vacant

There will be no night school next fall.

A sub-committee, set up at the annual meeting of the local committee, tried in vain to locate a man or woman who would take the post of chairman. It was therefore felt wise to simply drop the classes until renewed interest and enthusiasm create a willingness to take office.

Night school classes have been held here regularly for about ten years, the last few of them well-organized under a hard-working committee headed by Mrs. J. Creighton. When she resigned this winter no one was willing to take her demanding post.

With government grants and fees scaled to balance, the night school here had been self-supporting, providing classes for many each year.

Other towns, too, found it best to drop the classes after years of successful operation, to await new interest.

The Basic English classes are not under the night school committee.

\$300 Fee Future Land Separations in Nassagaweya Township will cost \$300.

Council Monday passed a by-law making the new fee legal — except in cases of father or mother to son or daughter transfers, or in transfers for industry or commercial buildings where the fee may be waived by the Planning Board. The by-law was passed at the request of the township Planning Board.

Councillors explained the fee would cover the mounting capital costs of ribbon development in the township. The fee was formerly \$5 to cover the paper-work necessary in a land transfer.

Candidate Speaks

Alexander "Sandy" Best, Halton Conservative candidate, congratulated the people of Acton for the fine building erected after months of research during which time a suitable location was sought.

In his address to the public during his first civic appearance as mayor, Les Duby praised the works department for the new building and hoped the building would serve Acton and district for many years to come. Ex-Mayor George Barbeau seconded the new mayor's sentiments after which the Rev. V. J. Morgan, Pastor at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, gave the benediction.

Also present for the brief ceremony were J. G. Fultz, district director of Postal Services, William Koropatnick, executive head of the department of public works, and area architect Stan Orlovski.

Congratulatory Telegram

The Minister of Public Works for Canada, Hon. Davie Fulton had sent a congratulatory telegram to the new mayor.

Three Leave Staff

Three staff resignations have been submitted from Miss June Conroy, Bill Patterson and Miss Joan Lee and the principal is conducting interviews for replacements. During a discussion on teachers' members expressed alarm at the high salaries paid by some boards to obtain new teachers.

Mr. Force said "We have gone as far as we can with salary payments. Salaries plus increments could easily be up \$9,000 next year with the same staff we have now without replacement. It is quite a problem to know what to do. Although we have the authority to do what we want, we have a big responsibility to the taxpayers and have to comply to the tax rate."

Inspector McVittie was present to discuss educational problems with the board at the beginning of the meeting.

When it was learned the night school classes would have to be discontinued because a chairman could not be found to head the organization, trustee Engel expressed his regret and praised everyone who had supported the night school in the past.

Accounts totaling \$15,064.57 were approved for payment.

Open New \$150,000 Post Office As Mayor Les Duby Snips Ribbon

Acton's new \$150,000 post office, over a year in construction, was officially opened within 10 minutes Monday morning when Mayor Les Duby, assisted by former mayor George Barbeau, snipped the white ribbon. He was performing his first civic duty after being named mayor Wednesday of last week. He just took office officially that morning.

A scattered group of about 50 stood at attention as the strains of "O Canada" slowly ground out to enable the crowd to hear the speakers standing just outside the east door.

Irving Saunders, district architect for the Public Works Department of Canada, introduced the men who spoke briefly. The Rev. Dwight Engel, minister of Acton United Church, gave the invocation.

Mr. M. Keown said later his immediate superior J. G. Fultz, was prepared to allow the public to tour the new building but no request had been made to have the tour.

Four big flags were brought for the ceremony. Two Red Ensigns on stands flanked the east stairs. A Red Ensign and Union Jack were draped over the railing — the Ensign upside down.

The ceremony was slated for 10 a.m. morning mail time, and several who came for the mail stayed to watch the proceedings.

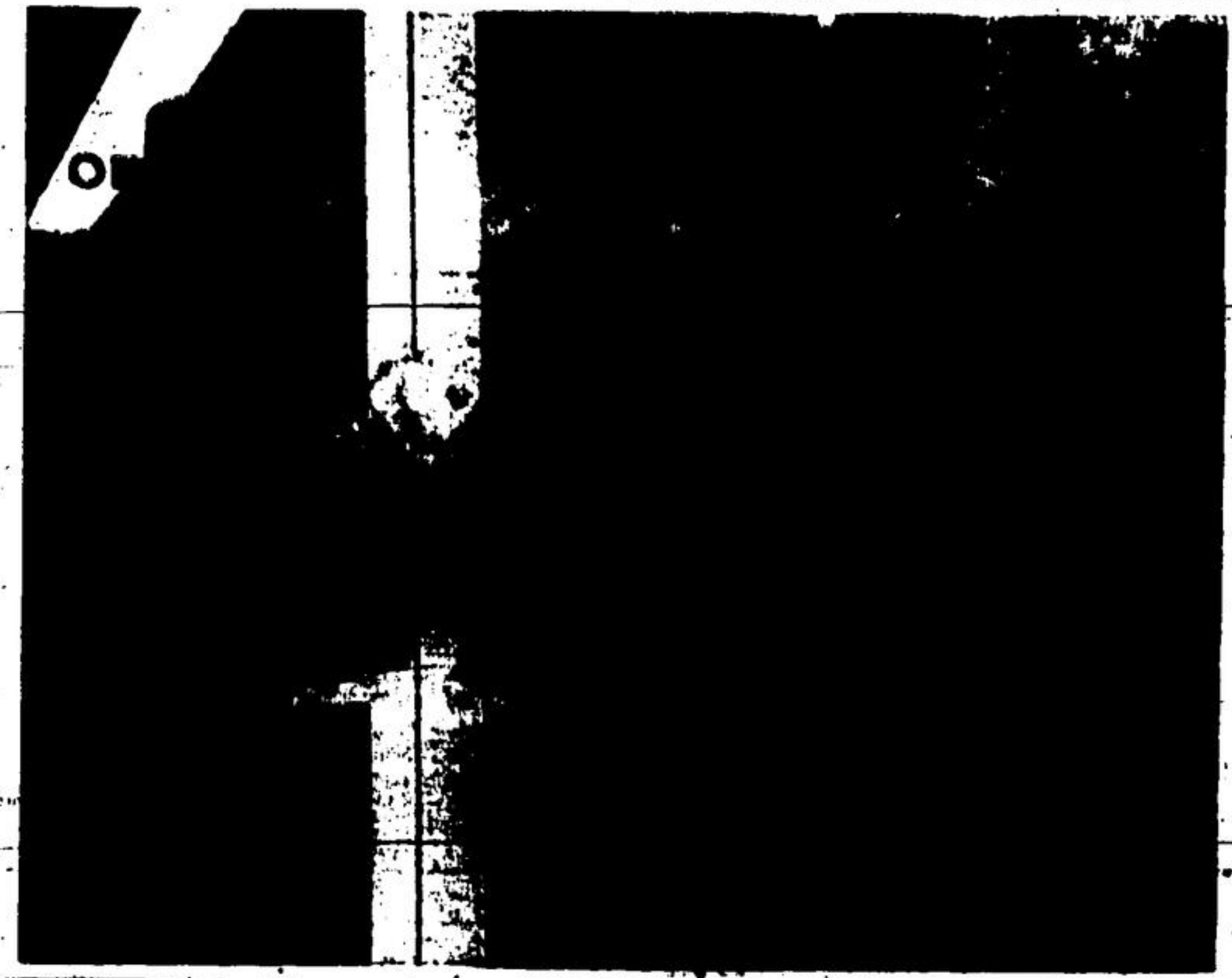
Auditors' Report Shows Esquimes Surplus \$8,285

Esquimes Township ended 1962 with an \$8,285 surplus, according to the auditor's report received on Monday. Added to previous surpluses, this gives the township an \$18,012 surplus fund. Members discussed overdue taxes and their methods of collection and decided to put on a campaign to bring in the outstanding amount.

A delegation of township school board members Max Sproul and Bill Lawson, appeared to ask if there would be room in the new

List Acton Polling Places

- No. 27—Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Mill St. west of Beardmore Creek to town limits. Vote at YMCA Gym, South.
- No. 28—Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Mill St. east of Main St. and north of Beardmore Creek and west of Frederick St. Vote at YMCA Gym North.
- No. 29—Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Mill St. east of Frederick St. and north of Beardmore Creek and west of C.N.R. Main Line. Vote at Town Hall Council Chamber.
- No. 30—Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Queen St. east of C.N.R. Main Line, north and west side of Roseford Terrace, north of Westcott Road to east limits of town. Vote at 21 Westcott Road.
- No. 31—Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Westcott Road, south and east of Roseford Terrace, east of Main Line of C.N.R. and west of eastern limits. Vote at 174 Longfield Rd.
- No. 32—Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, north of Queen St. east of Wellington St. south of the School Creek and south and west of the town limits. Vote at 294 Arthur St.



OFFICIAL OPENING of Acton's new post office took place Monday morning when new mayor Les Duby sought his predecessor's help in snipping the wide white ribbon during a brief ceremony. Pictured left to right are the mayor and former mayor George Barbeau as Rev. Dwight Engel watches. A small crowd was on hand for the ceremony.