

Propose Traffic By-Law Prohibit Quarry Trucks

A by-law prohibiting heavy traffic from using Churchill Rd. S. received two readings Tuesday evening at council. Under stipulations in the new by-law, trucks weighing three tons and over empty and five tons and over when loaded will be prohibited from travelling on this road. Council has complained regarding the pavement breaking up under the weight of heavy trucks.

This action was recommended by the Department of Highways engineer following investigation of possible routes to Acton Limestone Quarries for trucks. Clerk Jack McGeachie told council the engineer was of the opinion the alternate route from the quarry south on the third line of Esplanade to No. 25 highway would create only an additional three miles for some trucks.

It was pointed out in the by-law that private motor vehicles, police cruisers, ambulances and service vehicles would not be affected.

Quarry Blasts
During the committee of the whole session, members learned a meeting is being arranged between officials of Acton Limestone Quarries and council to discuss complaints regarding blasting at the quarries.

Deputy-reeve William Denny, on learning seismograph equipment determining the extent of each blast had been set up at the quarry, remarked, "Irregular blasts are going to shake the town apart!"

Reconsider Loans
Mr. Denny reported on a meeting between a committee of council and representatives from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation regarding loans to

builders for new homes. Council learned 17 homes under re-possession in Acton are for sale. These homes are presently being rented.

Mr. Denny related on this basis the representatives stated loans are available for speculators in Acton and area. After learning of the need for additional homes to correspond with growing industry, the C.M.H.C. agreed to meet with two prospective builders and perhaps agree to finance five houses apiece; these would have to be sold before additional loans were available. The C.M.H.C. would advance loans to private individuals wishing to build a home after they have engaged a contractor. Council hopes to make some arrangement with C.M.H.C. after the company representatives have met with the two builders who propose new homes in Acton.

Praise Acton Bantams At Georgetown Tourney

Acton youngsters attending the bantam hockey tournament received a bouquet from Mayor E. T. Hyde of Georgetown Tuesday night in a letter to Acton council.

On behalf of the town of Georgetown, Mayor Hyde congratulated the team from Acton on their gentlemanly conduct while attending the tournament and praised their managers and coaches.

A 14-name petition submitted

by mayor Les Duby from residents on the Crescent sparked a heated debate, when council members learned the petition had been given to the mayor by Reeve H. H. Hinton.

The petition requested the designated laneway at the eastern side of Poplar Ave., behind the house bordering on the C.N.R. spurline to the tannery, be left open as a service road.

Council had been considering closing this road.

Tenth Place in World For Collecting Stamps

Tenth place in the entire world in the Bishop Fund competition goes to Acton Y's Men's Club. The men have been collecting stamps regularly and most conscientiously to amass a total of 226,000 points. The closest in Ontario was the Etobicoke club with 150,000 points. First place in the contest was the Rosario, Argentina, Y's Men's Club. Most of the other winners were clubs in cities.

The local men, proud of their achievement, at the end of a Chinese auction at their meeting last Thursday presented a lovely platinum plant to Harry Arbie for Mrs. Arbie in recognition of her work in making the total so high. The couple did most of the work of soaking, sorting and bundling the stamps.

They are sold to collectors, and the money in the special fund is used to bring foreign delegates to conventions in North America.

When Mr. Duby read the petition, councillor Albert Irwin said it had been submitted in the wrong manner and should have been given to the road committee first for their consideration.

Reeve H. H. Hinton told council all the petition had been left at his store for him and he had passed it on to the mayor, Councillor Hugh Lowe remarked, "This has been an age-old problem. When councillors receive information they should pass it on to the respective committees."

No action was taken on the petition until the road committee has an opportunity to study the problem.

Council agreed not to oppose an application from W. J. McLeod requesting a front and side yard variance at the corner of Wellington and Arthur Sts., where the applicant wishes to build a private home. Residents in the area will be notified and a committee of adjustment hearing will be held Monday night.

Mayor Duby informed council the Urban Board representatives have planned a bus tour of Acton, Milton and Georgetown's industrial and commercial areas this year. Georgetown tour is planned for June 10, Milton in September and Acton in October.

He explained the purpose of the tours was to acquaint representatives with each municipality. Members' wives will join the tour.

Last year Urban Board members toured the disposal and waterworks plants in the three towns.

Open Door, Met By Dense Smoke

Prompt action on the part of homeowner Jack Creasey Sr. was credited by firefighters with saving his Elmora Drive house from complete destruction by fire in the early hours of the morning Wednesday.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Creasey had just returned from Rockwood about 12:30 a.m. and as they opened the back door of the house, were met by dense smoke. Mr. Creasey immediately slammed the door shut to prevent air fanning the flames and ran to a neighbor's to call the fire department.

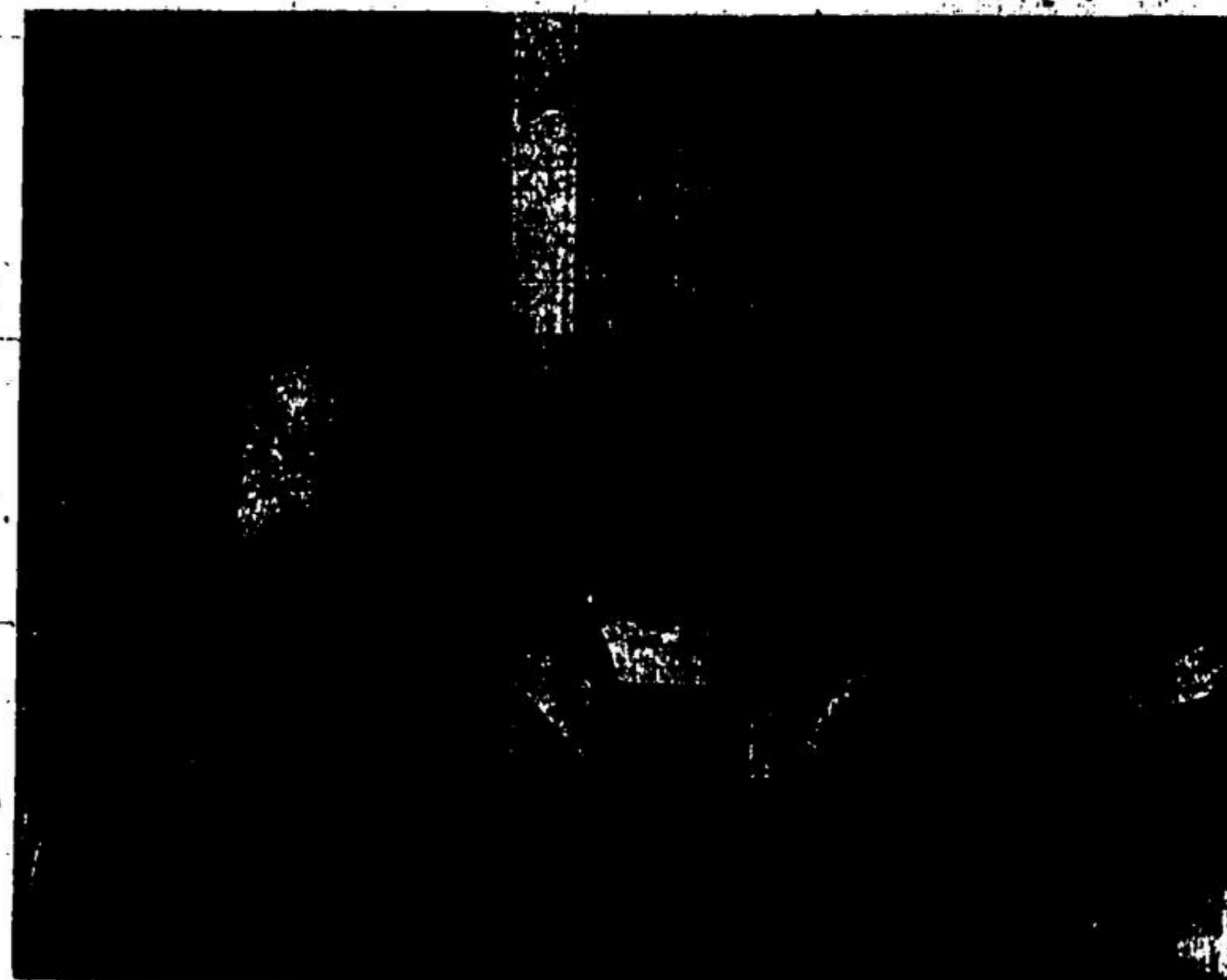
When firefighters arrived they donned Scott air packs to enter the building and carried out a blazing chestfield chair. Using lines from the booster tank on the truck they doused the fire which was burning around the window frame and floor. Smoke systems were hooked up at both front and back doors to clear the dense smoke from the house.

Mr. Creasey said his wife was visiting in Rockwood and he left the house around nine o'clock to pick her up. Although no estimate of damage has been made to date it is believed smoke damage alone may run high.

When the meeting, council was informed of a special meeting of the Ontario Energy Board to establish a special summer rate for United Gas air conditioning units. Notice was also received from the Health Unit regarding a meeting in Milton to discuss rabies control in Halton County. On learning a Tuesday, May 28, councillor H. Peal said, "Don't they realize most of council members work. They are getting as bad as county council."

Resolution was approved with only Reeve Hinton voting in the negative.

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M. Z. BENNETT SCHOOL pupils and teachers admire some of the Empire Day books presented to the school Friday by members of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. Left to right are Russell Coulfrup, grade one pupil, and his teacher Mrs. Kay Alger, Cindy Lee and Nancy Dowling, grade one pupils of teacher Miss Sharon Lemon. The books are an annual presentation to the school by the I.O.D.E. in conjunction with Empire Day projects in the classrooms.

Council Disagrees With Reeve On Duplication of all Reports

Reeve H. H. Hinton was strongly opposed Tuesday evening in his quest to gain more knowledge regarding town administration of "business," when he attempted to gain a copy of No. 2 committee report of the Ontario Water Resources Commission. The reeve is on No. 1 committee.

The report, dealing with the sale of water to Beardmore and Company, was in the possession of sewer and water committee chairman Hamilton Peal. Mayor Les Duby was the first to rap the reeve's knuckles when he stated "I am always complying with similar requests of yours. From now on it is up to council to authorize or refuse individual copies of reports." He also reminded Mr. Hinton he (the reeve) had already had the report in his possession for personal use some time previous to the meeting.

Should Be Available
The reeve said all reports of any committee should be made available to any member of council and stated "I feel it is my duty as a council member to become as well informed as possible in order to vote intelligently on the subject on hand."

Mayor Duby reminded the reeve that all reports of each committee were discussed thoroughly at regular committee of the whole sessions and said every councillor should have faith in the integrity of other members until the particular phase came up for discussion at regular sessions. Reeve Hinton replied "I am not casting aspersions on the integrity of council committees but merely anxious to obtain more information. I would hate to think that any member interested in obtaining information would be denied this right."

First Communion At St. Joseph's

Sunday, May 19, will be recorded in the annals of St. Joseph's parish as a historical event, when the largest class of 32 boys and girls received their First Communion at the nine o'clock Mass.

Fourteen little boys, each with a white flower in the lapel of his coat and white ribbons on his right arm, and 18 little girls in white dresses, with matching roses or wreaths, carrying their rosaries or white prayer books, marched from the hall into the church, where they were ushered to their reserved places on the Epistle side of the church, while the organist played a fitting hymn prior to the nine o'clock Mass.

The pastor, Father V. J. Morgan, spoke briefly and made reference to the fact that this was indeed an historical day for the parish, since these little children would be receiving for the first time the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread. He said that all of us like pagantry in any form; but that the ceremony of First Communion Sunday excelled all pagantry.

He congratulated the little children and their parents and suggested that the children offer their First Communion for their fathers and mothers. The pastor exhorted the parents to constantly watch over their children and by word and example see that they always remain in a state of Grace and pleasing in the sight of God.

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"Every Precaution Taken" Explains Quarry Manager

"Every precaution possible is being taken and the company is operating under the required safety laws during blasting proceedings at Acton Limestone Quarries," stated quarry manager John Moore Wednesday during an interview with the Free Press.

Following receipt of a letter from Acton council complaining about the blasts at the quarry and the possible danger which might result to residential and industrial buildings, Mr. Moore explained the methods used when blasting.

Horn, McNuff and Hastings Limited, consulting engineers from Toronto have been retained to set up a seismograph to record such impact. According to Mr. Moore the stipulated safety blast according to law is No. 3 as indicated in the seismograph and recent blasts have been under No. 1.

Representatives from other Dupont or C.I.L. manufacturers of the dynamite, are also on hand to check the amount of powder used each time and a C.N.R. official checks out train times before any charge of dynamite is set off.

A complete history is recorded on film each time a blast is set off and records are kept on file at the quarry. Mr. Moore also stated the company carries complete insurance in the event any damage might be caused to a building.

This Friday, Acton council, industrial and commercial representatives as well as any interested taxpayers are invited to the quarry to witness a blast and have the entire operation explained to them.

Plan Tri-County Jail May Be Built in Halton

Plans for a new tri-county jail to serve Halton, Peel and Dufferin Counties are progressing well, County Councils learned Tuesday at their May meeting. And the new \$1,000,000 jail may be located in the north-eastern section of Halton, near Georgetown.

"We are lucky if we get it in Halton," Georgetown Reeve John Elliott noted. Burlington Deputy-reeve Gordon Gallagher objected that the proposed jail would be a long distance from Burlington if it is located near Georgetown, but Warden C. A. Martin responded that it would be a lower distance if the jail was built outside Halton.

Representatives of the jail committee are to meet with the Deputy Minister of Correctional Institutions later this month.

Earlier, representatives of the three counties met to discuss the possibility of one jail to serve the three counties. Jails presently in use are old and outdated and it was felt a tri-county jail would alleviate the problems.

New Dog Control Officer For Acton, Georgetown

Acton's canine corps will soon have to be on the lookout for a new dog control officer. Tuesday evening council instructed the clerk to prepare an agreement with George Herrington, Lincolnton, to handle the dog control duties in Acton on a part-time basis.

Following the resignation of former dog control officer, Cecil Robertson, both Acton and Georgetown councils had a special meeting and agreed to advertise for a new man. Wednesday evening of last week the application from Mr. Herrington was received and reviewed. It was the only application received for the job.

Each municipality will sign its own agreement with Mr. Herrington. Under the Georgetown agreement he will receive \$1,152 yearly for the designated number of hours he works and with Acton he will receive \$612 for his part-time services. The new officer stated in his application he has a vehicle and accommodation for a pound at his residence and is prepared to expand the kennels.

Child Bitten by Dog
Clerk Jack McGeachie informed council a youngster had been bitten by a dog while playing with chums in Glenie and the first indication he had received of the incident was when the assessor called at the child's home to take the census. The child's face had been laid open by the dog. Dr. Archie Bull had been notified and recommended the boy be taken to a doctor. This mother had taken the child to a Georgetown doctor who admitted the youngster to Georgetown District hospital for observation and treatment with rabies shots.

The dog control officer had been notified of the incident and had taken two of the children with him in his truck but after driving around town in an effort to locate the dog had been unable to do so.

During a discussion on dog control, council members recalled many objections voiced by the public regarding dogs tipping over garbage containers and urinating through gardens.

Choose Wrong Items To Make Play Huts

Intricate parts for cradling towers ready for shipment at Ajax Engineers Ltd. were broken and strewn around when children were caught playing in the area.

Constable Ron Ripert reported this week the children were using materials for the cradling towers to make huts to play in. Some parts had been smashed and will have to be replaced. Parents of the children were notified.



TEACHER KEITH BLACK of the Robert Little public-school glances at the prize-winning book displayed by Linda Lawson; right, as Deborah McGilgalloway looks on admiringly. Both girls had these books chosen during the Empire Day contest staged annually by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Mr. Black holds two of the set of books presented to the school by the chapter members on Friday.

Forecasts Breakdown
Forecasting a breakdown of the four-year-old system (of having council divided into two committees in order to expedite business) if everyone adopted Mr. Hinton's view, mayor Duby stated it would mean duplication of work by the town staff. He also predicted long meetings if the two-committee plan was disposed of.

Councillor Hugh Lowe explained the purpose of the two committees.

I.O.D.E. Presents Books At Two Public Schools

The annual Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. presents books to both the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools were made last Friday. Two sets of encyclopedias, a tumor and senior set, were presented to each school.

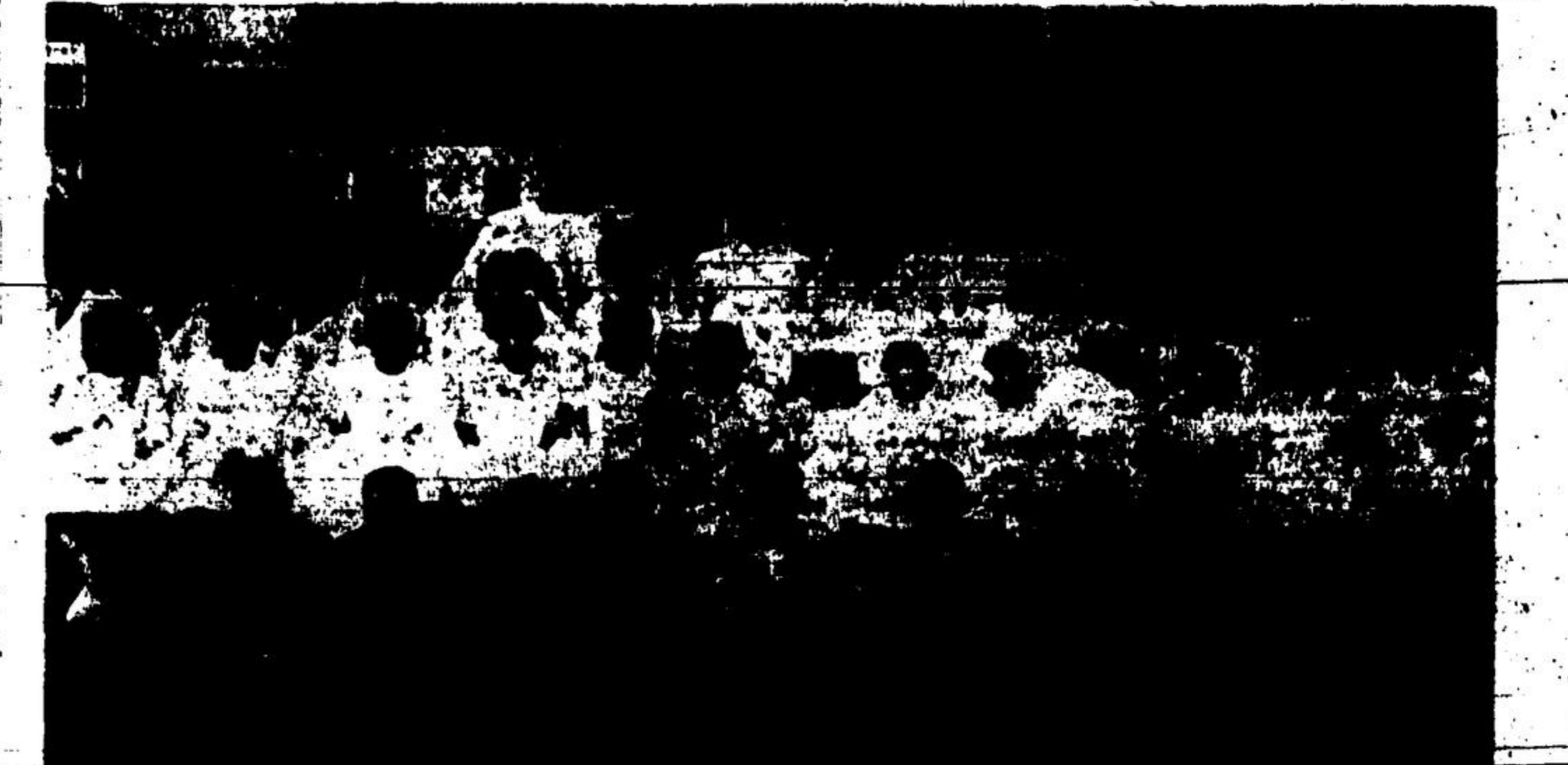
Each year, pupils at both schools have Empire Day projects ranging from colored paper in kindergarten classes to attractively-made books in higher grades.

At the M. Z. Bennett school each classroom has its own project and pupils work together on it. At the Robert Little school there are class projects as well as individual competition.

Some of the projects are on display at Dills stationery store while others are at the schools in the classrooms.

Present Friday to make the presentation at the Robert Little school were the Regent Miss Marie Mainprize, Mrs. Neil Bowles, Miss Ruby Clark, Mrs. H. E. Price, Mrs. Anthony Mainprize and Mrs. Harry Mainprize.

Presenting books at the M. Z. Bennett school were Mrs. Bert Bowal, Mrs. Edward Lidkan, Mrs. Jack McGeachie, Mrs. W. J. McLeod and Miss M. Z. Bennett, the retired principal after whom the school is named.



FIRST COMMUNION was taken Sunday by 32 girls and boys at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. Shown above from row left to right are Adrian Man Opatal, Gregory Heaney, Russell Dwyer, Gregory Daigle, Russell Coulfrup, David Lindsay, John Tyers and Richard Bonnette; second row left to right Rosemary Anne Lowe, Deborah Pappilon, Joanne Archer, Wendy Kowall, Pat Anne Marchmont, Margot Matheson, Lynne Simoni, Joanne Dicks, Dorothy Pappilon, Anne Brada, Diane Johnson, Patricia Dunn and Anne Marie Lutz; third row left to right Paul Pate, Larry Quinn, Paul Stewart, Carolyn Dural, Kay Dall, Josephine Murray, Catherine Symon, Wendy Howard, Garfield Murray, John Daverny and Michael Pezas; back row Father V. J. Morgan, S.J., Ignace College, Guelph and Father V. J. Morgan, Acton.