

## Wail of Siren Marks End Of Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week in Acton ended up with a rash of four fires when the wail of the siren alerted firefighters during Thanksgiving weekend.

Fumes from a tin of contact cement which were ignited from the pilot light from a gas stove are believed to have caused a fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pavli, Mill St., Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Green, 61 Eastern Ave. A grass fire and straw fire followed Monday and a fifth fire—in a car—Tuesday.

The Saturday afternoon blaze in the kitchen apartment occupied by the Pavlis, which is rented by Tony Seynuck, occurred when two friends of the landlord were installing a sheet of arborite behind a gas stove. According to the Pavlis the pilot light on the stove was on at the time and as the two workers noticed the fumes from the cement a sheet of flames burst throughout the kitchen down the cellar stairs.

First thought of 10-year-old Joanne Pavli was to rescue her kitten sleeping in the kitchen. Mrs. Pavli escaped through a window while her husband took time to toss out a few items of clothing.

Firefighters were pouring water on the blaze within three minutes of the siren sounding and had the fire under control soon.

They found a blaze at the foot of the cellar steps. Damage was caused by water and smoke as well to several articles of clothing, footwear and household contents. Wiring services were also burned.

Firefighters donned Scot Air packs to fight the flash fire and chief Mick Holmes had to restrain tenants from entering the building filled with dense smoke.

**No Warning**  
Sunday evening another flash fire occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Green on Eastern Ave. when fumes from contact cement being used for redecorating exploded when the gas heater clicked on. The couple had finished their work and had replaced the lid on the can when the flames erupted without warning.

Mr. Green threw pails of water on the blaze and before firefighters arrived the fire was under control. Both he and his wife suffered burns to their hands and arms.

**Car Fire**  
Monday afternoon the rural truck was called to extinguish a grass fire burning out of control near the farm property of Ken Murray, R.R. 1, Nassagaweya. While firefighters were still at this fire the siren sounded again and the town truck loaded with firefighters raced

to extinguish a straw and tractor fire on property owned by a Toronto man which is used by Oscar Broughton, R.R. 1, Esquesing.

A farm tractor owned by Willard Britton and operated by his son Ross caught fire when it is believed straw which was being baled became lodged in the hot muffler. Seconds after the operator jumped from the burning vehicle, the gas tank exploded showering nearby hales of straw with flames. Within minutes the entire pile was engulfed in flames.

One of Mr. Broughton's sons was standing on the baler behind the tractor when the fire occurred but was uninjured. The owner of the tractor is holidaying in British Columbia with his wife and two friends.

Firefighters spent hours at the fire using water from the booster lines, portable extinguishers, brooms and shovels to head off the roaring blaze heading toward a nearby bush.

**Car Fire**  
Tuesday evening firefighters made a quick run to the corner of Elgin and Church Streets after the alarm had been sounded when a car owned by Noah Rowell, 87 Mill St. backfired causing flames to shoot out through the carburetor. By the time the fire truck arrived everything was under control.

## Hire Solicitor for H.S. Addition Buy De-Humidifier for Reservoir

Acton council Tuesday evening agreed to engage C. F. Leatherland O.C. as solicitor to handle the business for the proposed new high school addition. This action was recommended by councillor J. Bert Wood, chairman of the education committee of council.

Mr. Wood told members his committee agreed the solicitor should be engaged to prepare by-laws and resolutions pertaining to the high school addition in order to relieve the town clerk of the extra work.

**Avoid Condensation**  
The control house at Acton's new reservoir on Churchill Road is due to have a de-humidifier installed to keep condensation from rusting and deteriorating of piping and valves and to protect the floor.

Council agreed to follow the engineer's recommendation and have the equipment installed at a cost not exceeding \$100. Clerk Jack McGeachie told council engineer Ken Hyde had inspected the building and was concerned about the condition caused by dampness.

**Polling Doubt**  
A by-law regulating times and places for the annual nominations and election was held over until the next meeting after it was learned there might be a possibility the United Church would not be available for a polling station. Clerk McGeachie was instructed to find out if the church was available and attempt to find another location in the event it wasn't.

Councillor Hamilton Peal verbally commended Mrs. Vera Harris on the clean manner in which she left the council chambers. Mrs. Harris has been asked to clean the council chambers, hall way and police office two weeks ago to relieve the town workmen for other necessary jobs.

Council engaged her permanently at the rate of \$1 per hour to do the cleaning.

present parallel parking system didn't allow enough cars to be parked.

The property committee was given the chore to decide if Acton Citizens' band could install Ten-Ten or some material to cover the windows to cut down the draft in the upstairs area of the town hall. Councillor Eric Johnston, council representative on the band committee, forwarded the request and stated the bandmen were complaining of the cold in their practice room.

**Destroy Sheep After Incident With Stray Dogs**  
Three dogs mangled a sheep to the point it had to be destroyed at the farm home of Orwell and Roy Johnston, R.R. 1, Acton, Tuesday morning.

The dogs were first sighted after Orwell Johnston heard constant barking in a field back of the farm home. When he arrived on the scene he noticed one sheep had been segregated from the herd by the dogs and badly mutilated. The sheep was later destroyed on account of serious injuries.

Mr. Johnston reported he sighted what he believed to be a police dog and two collie dogs running together but when he approached the field the dogs took off.

Area residents are being warned to be on the lookout for dogs running at large endangering farm animals.

Councillor Peal, who is also chairman of the Legion Poppy committee, received approval to have council follow their annual pattern of paying for Remembrance Day service programs and sponsoring a proclamation in the newspaper.

During the enquiry by members, councillor Albert Brown wondered why weeds were growing through the new tarvia on Victoria St. He was told by the clerk weeds were growing through his own driveway which had just been paved and there were other spots in town the same councillor Wood quipped "we've got tough weeds."

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DR. CEDRIC DEY, Acton's new dentist, began his practice in Acton on Thursday of last week in the Hinton building on Mill St. He is shown above with his nurse, Miss Gloria Henry. Both are natives of British Guiana. Having his teeth checked over is Peter Taylor of Acton. A few alterations remain to be done in his new office but equipment has been installed and patients are waiting their turns for appointments.

## \$3,000 Salary? Delay Upping Warden's Pay County Pays Banquet Tab

The Halton County Council Wednesday delayed consideration of a by-law to pay an annual salary of \$3,000 to the Warden of Halton.

In the committee report recommending adoption of the by-law it was noted the warden would be expected to present a quarterly report of his activities on behalf of the county at a regular council meeting.

Council approved the holding of the Warden's Dinner on November 15 at the Galaxy Club, Oakville.

The suggestion that the Warden be limited to 12 invitations for his personal guests ran into stiff opposition from a number of members. Deputy Reeve Jim Bell, Milton, asked if it was a county dinner or a warden's dinner.

**Upped to 24**  
Members concurred in increasing the Warden's allotment of invitations to 24.

It was also agreed the list, when completed would consist of approximately 200 guests. Staff members and their husbands or wives from the clerk administrator's, engineer's and assessment and treasurer's departments are to be invited.

Deputy Reeve Alex Phillips reviewed that until last year the warden's dinner was paid from the honorarium received by the warden. In 1962 the County paid for the warden's dinner. This year the dinner is evidently being provided by the County Council and a committee is laying the plans and dictating the number that may be invited," he observed.

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## Nassagaweya Assessment Jumps 1/3; Population Up

Nassagaweya Township's assessment and industrial assessment accounts for four per cent of \$161, since last year and there has been \$30,000 accounts for seven per cent.

The population increase of four per cent amounts to 111 residents more than last year. Population figure of 2,532. A breakdown of the population figure shows: 277 children under three years of age; 64 four year olds; 62 five year olds; 111 six and seven year olds; 112 between the ages of seven and nine; 213 between the ages of 10 and 14; 38 fourteen year olds; 54 fifteen year olds; 124 between the ages of 15 and 19; 1,098 between the ages of 20 and 59; 81 between the ages of 60 and 64; 69 between the ages of 65 and over.

Last year's assessment figures showed total assessment of \$1,180,560. This year's figure is \$4,241,005 or an increase of \$3,060,445.

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STRATEGY PLAYS are discussed by three of the offensive squad from the Acton high school football team as they take a breather on the bench during the Ridley College-Acton game Wednesday. Ridley won 21-12. Left to right are Garry Massales, Doug Garrett and Jan Riddall. Highlighting the game was a 105-yard runback of an attempted field goal by Danny Arbic of Acton for a touchdown. Jan Riddall also ran a punt back for Acton to notch another T.D.

## Which Should Come First: Hydro Manager or Truck?

Which should be done first: hire a hydro manager or buy a new piece of equipment?

Hydro commission members discussed the pros and cons again at their meeting last Thursday and finally adjourned determined to reach a decision at their next meeting.

Commissioners Gordon Beatty and Ray Arbic were of the opinion hiring of a manager should precede the new equipment and then the new employee could recommend the proper type of equipment. The commission should buy. Members have seen demonstrations of both aerial ladder and bucket type equipment in action and have discussed the matter at great length for some months.

Mayor Les Duby suggested hiring a manager ahead of buying equipment was like putting the cart before the horse and stated new equipment was needed ahead of a manager. Mr. Beatty disagreed. "We don't know what equipment we need!" The mayor pointed out the hydro staff was in "pretty bad shape," with one line man Dorson Frazzelle, off with a broken arm and the ladder truck off the road.

Commissioner Beatty wondered what the department staff thought of this predicament.

Mr. Duby wondered what the staff could say and "What is the commission going to do? Nothing?"

**Who Should Act?**  
Chairman Ted Tyler believed the commission should assume the responsibility of telling the staff what they were to do. His viewpoint was opposite to Mr. Beatty's who suggested the staff should make basic recommendations regarding equipment. "I haven't heard one useful recommendation from our staff during my four years on the commission," he stated. The chairman reminded him the original recommendation to buy equipment had been made by the superintendent.

Mr. Beatty wondered how the commission could make an intelligent move without a recommendation on what type of equipment to buy. "Outside of the safety factor I haven't heard one sound reason to justify the purchase of a \$15,000 piece of bucket equipment," he said.

**Truck Obsolete**  
Mayor Duby was of the opinion the commission should market a piece of equipment. "We know

we need it—our own ladder truck is obsolete. If we had a big job to do we would be out of luck."

Mr. Arbic said, "The trouble is we don't know what we want."

Chairman Tyler told the members there was one obvious fact facing them and that was to replace an obsolete piece of equipment. "Who says it is?" chided commissioner Beatty.

The chairman took full responsibility for the condition of the old ladder truck as he replied "That old ladder is not safe. It has a swing a block wide. I wouldn't go up in it for all the tea in China. If we took it out of town, highway police would call the first wrecker after their first look at the old truck."

Commissioner Gordon McCutcheon admitted he still had not decided what was the best piece of equipment to buy after seeing several demonstrations of both aerial ladder and bucket type equipment.

Mr. Arbic conceded the decision was up to the commission and stated nothing would be gained by further delay. At the suggestion of the mayor, members agreed to attempt a solution at the next meeting.

## Large Attendance

## Birthday Cake Ceremony Highlight At Knox W.M.S. 75th Anniversary

The 75th anniversary of the W.M.S. took place October 10 in Knox Presbyterian Church, with a large attendance present.

The flowers in the church were presented "in memoriam" by Campbell, secretary-treasurer Mr. D. Leslie and Miss Ruby Clark.

Mrs. F. Anderson presided over the meeting and the devotion was taken by Miss Ruby Clark and Mrs. O. Moran.

was given by Miss E. Anderson secretary. The first president in 1888 was Mrs. J. W. Rae, wife of Rev. J. W. Rae, minister of Knox Church, Acton, secretary Mrs. A. G. Hands, three missionaries have gone from this church, Rev. T. A. Arthur, Pastor E. Munro, Miss Mary Ellen Anderson and one deaconess, Miss C. Moore.

The Lord is My Shepherd was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Da-

vidson, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. McCullough, also a mandolin solo, Schubert's Serenade, by Mrs. Alice, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. O. Moran.

**Need Gospel**  
The guest speaker Mrs. A. S. Curr, council president W.M.S. Western Division, Canada was introduced by Mrs. H. Bennie. One minute silence was observed.

Ms. Curr stressed that it is needs not words that count. Also it was said more missionaries to China we might not be confronted with the peril which threatens us today. Of the 16,000 Chinese in Canada only one in ten has heard the gospel.

**Birthday Cake**  
A birthday cake lighting ceremony took place with Mrs. A. J. Buchanan staying on the proceedings and Mrs. R. M. MacDonald cutting the cake. Rev. A. H. McKenzie spoke briefly and Rev. Forbes Thomson (Continued on Page Three)



CHEERLEADERS are a big part of any high school football game and Acton was represented by these four pretty lassies against Ridley College Wednesday. Left to right are Paulette Beland, Susan Robertson, Mary Grischow and Janice Tozer. They yelled themselves hoarse urging the Acton team to victory.

## Unsuccessful Bidders Ask Reasons Nixed Tenders

Esquesing school Board had their hands full Tuesday evening when three tenders on one-room schools up for sale requested an explanation of why their bids had not been accepted.

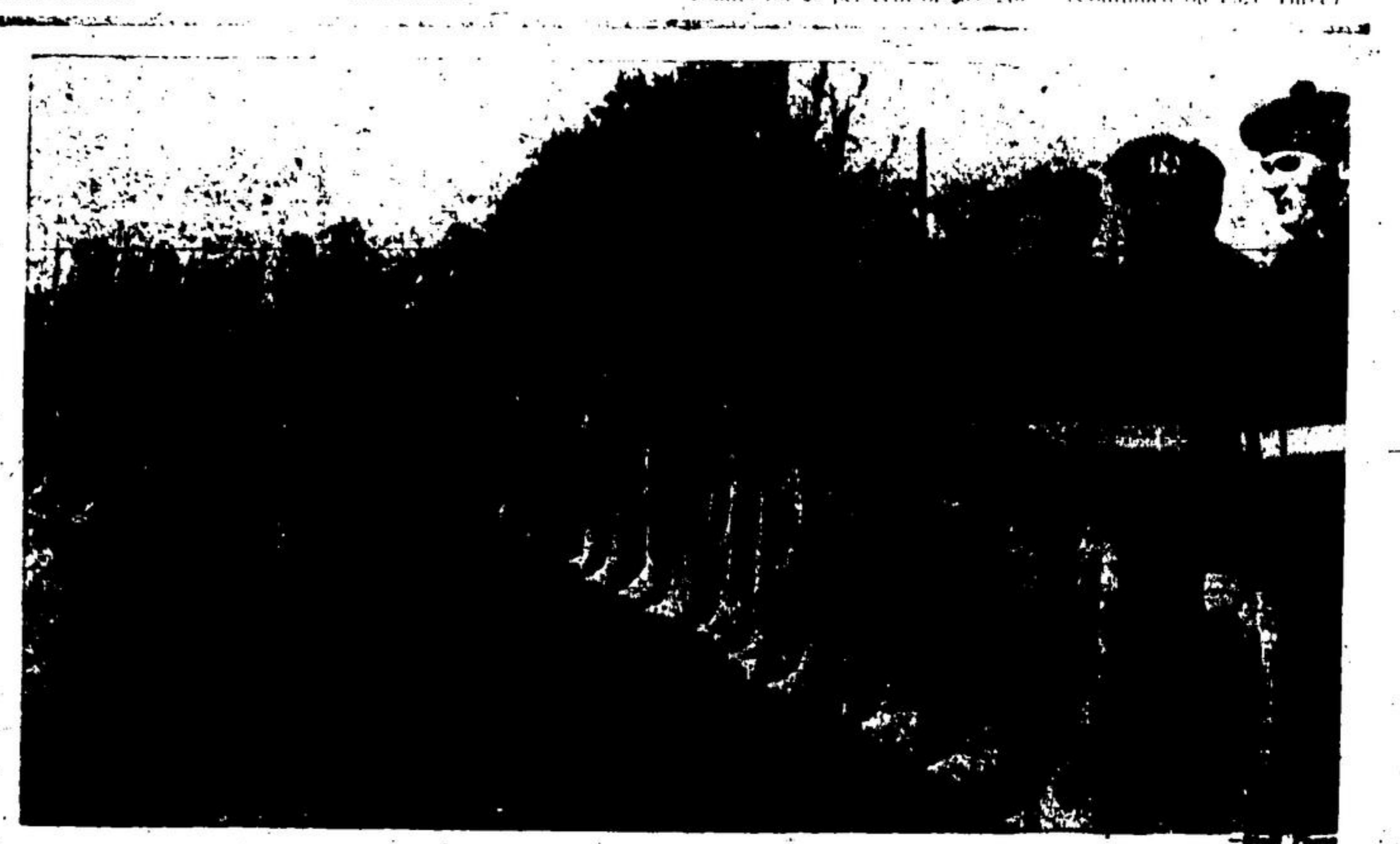
First to appear was Arthur McLeod who previously tendered for the Bannockburn school and had been told the board decision was withheld for two weeks. Tuesday evening he was told all tenders would be returned and he was asked why this action had been taken but failed to receive a reply. Mr. McLeod also asked if he could submit another tender in the event the board decided to ask for tenders again. No decision was made regarding re-tendering for the school.

**Turned Down**  
Next on the list to meet the board was Garnet Howden who asked why, when his had been the only tender for the Hornby

school, the board had turned it down. He stated members had no right to do this.

Mr. Howden explained he intended to use the school property to expand his present business and stated he had been treated unfairly and the board was not representing the interests of the taxpayers properly. Board chairman R. J. Cunningham told the latepaver the board had decided not to sell the school at present. Trustee Mrs. Shirley Armstrong told Mr. Howden the board did not have to accept one or any of the tenders if they so wished. In leaving Mr. Howden remarked "Hornby will not forget this."

Reford Gardhouse, an unsuccessful bidder, was present to question the sale of the Omatawa school to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lendway. He told members the school property was on the (Continued on page 4)



THE LORNE SCOTS REGIMENT went "on parade" in full dress soldiers during the inspection. A crowd of thousands lined the parade field to witness the ceremony. Many local residents took part, either as members of the Regiment, the bands, or the regiment officials lead the Lt.-Gov. (in top hat) past a row of