

Library's open hours quintupled next week

In the space of one week, open hours at Acton Library jump from four and a half hours to 24 1/2.

The by-laws in 1898 declared that the library would be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from seven o'clock to eight thirty in the evenings and for the use of adults only.

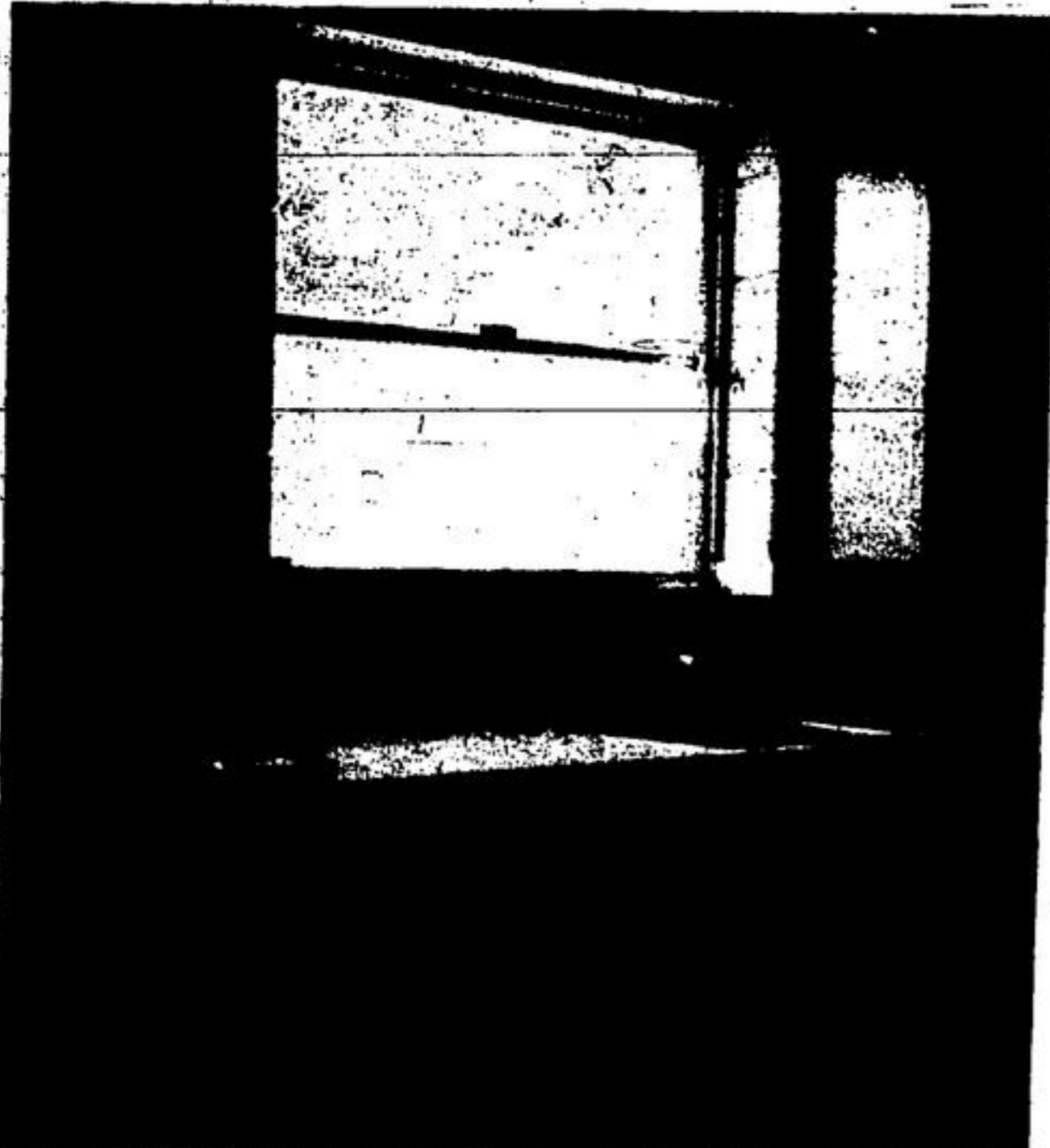
In many of the intervening years, and the change from the town hall to YMCA building, official open hours have remained the same. Added to the regular hours have been visits by school classes and the many times the librarians

went up to the school to distribute books. At one time, the library was open from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Library board chairman George Lee has announced that the new library hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 5 and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 noon till 5 p.m.

Of course, adjustments may have to be made depending on the response.

Need for many more open hours has been recognized for many years.



WORKROOM for librarians includes counters, shelves, sink, hotplate. It is located just behind the main desk upstairs. The back door leads from this extra room, long needed by librarians for storage and repairs of books.

New library: new systems

The present system of recording books in and out of the library will be changed after the move. Adult members will be asked to write their library registration number on the book card inserted in the flap, which is pasted inside the back cover.

The system for marking children's books will not be changed.

The library fee for each adult will be 50 cents for each 12 months and 25 cents for each child. This replaces the system of paying for each separate card, and buying a new one when it is filled or lost.

Each subscriber will be given a copy of the Rules and Regulations drawn up by the board for their guidance and a registration card when becoming a subscriber. This card must be shown to the librarian at the desk whenever you borrow a book and it will be a reminder to you of your library registration number.

Landscaped model is now class project

A landscaped model of Acton's centennial library is the class project of one group of final year students at the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture.

Randy Lidka, who is taking the course, carried his academic interest in the problem down to his school with him, and the class project resulted. The group acquired complete construction drawings prior to beginning to mould their adaptations to the model.

Improving the appearance of the school creek will be included.

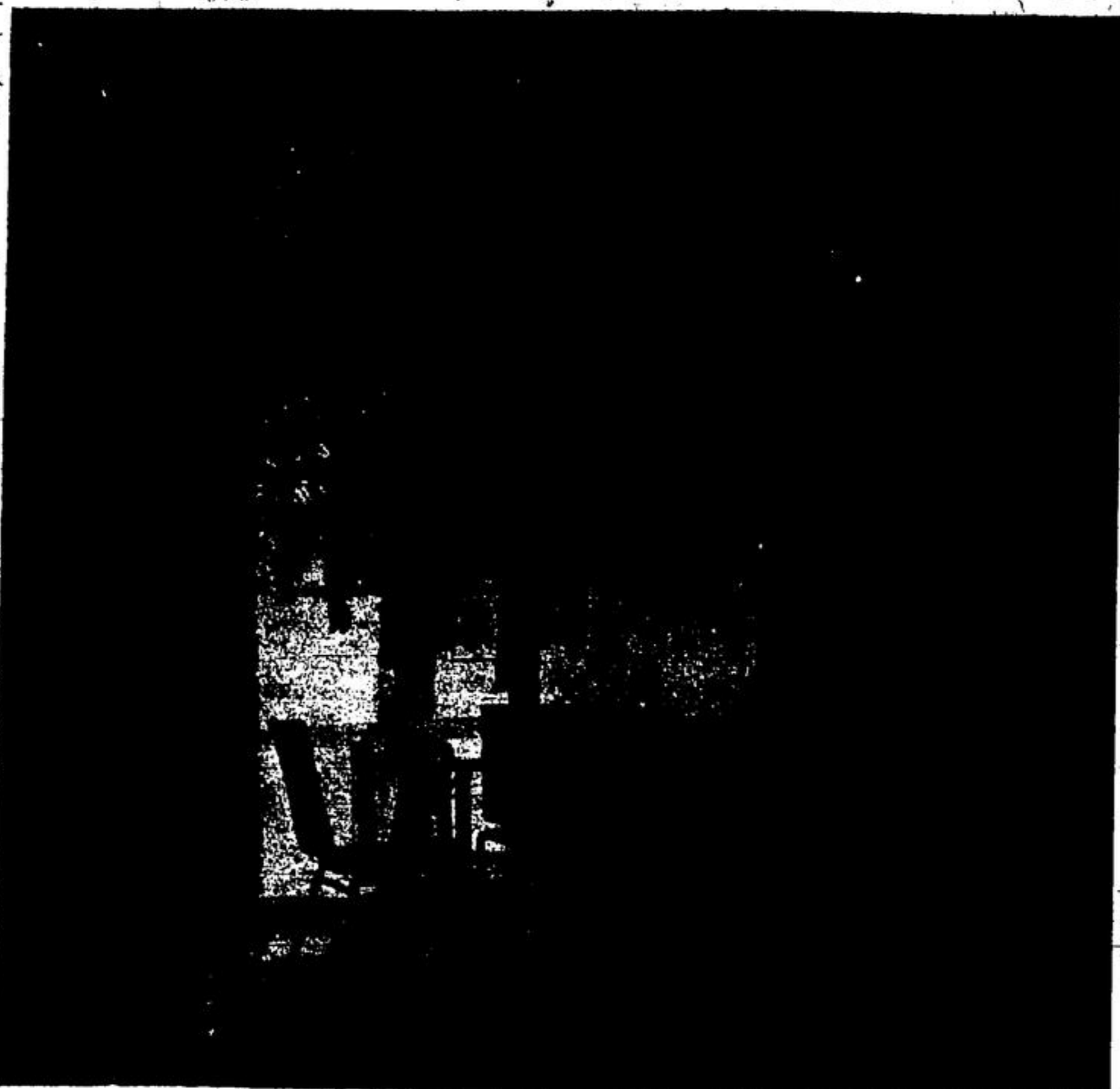
"This is another area where contributions would be gratefully accepted!" declared board members. No allowance has been made for cost; volunteer labor and donations of money for the purchase of shrubs and flowers are fervently hoped for.

Thirsty mat

The special nylon matting at the front door is especially prescribed for public buildings. It absorbs a gallon of water per square yard, so damp boots can be left on it. To be cleaned, it's lifted up, and hoed. Surprisingly, its appearance is very attractive.

Meeting room

Already one group has requested regular use of the assembly room in the new library basement.



HIGH CORNER WINDOWS are architectural feature of the centennial library. View from the window in the children's section at the north-east corner shows the snowy evergreens in the Robert Little school grounds. Older

children will sit at this table to copy out facts for school projects if they wish; younger tots will sit on hassocks at the other end of the room to choose their favorite story books.

The crystal ball Air conditioning, quiet music foreseen in library's future

A look ahead into the future was taken before construction was completed.

There is wiring in the workroom, ready for the times soft music will be played through the building. This is done in some libraries, and reportedly adds to the hush since it covers up a certain amount of talking and movement.

Allowances have been made in the duct work, for the installation of air conditioning. This was considered seriously, but the cost was too high at this

time. A cable has been installed at the main desk that some day in the future, will provide power for the electronic stamping of cards!

A phone will go in soon. Its need is more immediate. The local library will be calling the South Central Regional Library Board concerning books requested here.

The storage room and meeting room in the basement are available for regular library use if required.

Hydro gift

Acton Hydro Electric Commission's contribution to the centennial library project will be two modern outdoor lights at the creek and bridge area. Cost of these modern lights is between \$350 and \$400. (Perimeter lighting around the building was included in the contract price.)

The servery

The small galley - type kitchen in the basement - termed "the servery" - is designed to handle a very light lunch such as coffee and doughnuts for groups. It is not equipped yet.

Dial-a-book?

Regional library board goes jet-age

The first annual meeting of the South Central Regional Library System Board was held at the Plainsman Restaurant, Highway No. 5, Dundas, last Friday evening.

Those attending from Acton, which is included in the district, were library board chairman George Lee and Mrs. Lee, Mayor Les Duby and Mrs. Duby, library board secretary Doug Copeland and Mrs. Copeland, library board member Fred New and Mrs. New.

The regional library board will provide various services for all the libraries in Brant, Halton and Wentworth. R. McKay from Milton library board is the representative from north Halton.

A committee of the south Central Regional Library Board is to look into a system which would make information available on TV screens at any member library in the region, which covers the counties of Brant, Halton and Wentworth.

The data - pages of books or magazines - would be stored on videotape at a central point and could be dialed to appear on TV screens across the system. If the page is required for further study, the user presses a button and a print-out machine at the central location reproduces the page, which is then mailed to the user.

There are many other sides of this operation to be investigated. It is a long term project with great potential for making information easily available to student and adults alike. In the near future, masses of information will be required and this system could give member libraries of the region an efficient means of meeting the need.

The February meeting of the South Central Regional Library Board took place in Hamilton. Clark Johnson was elected chairman for a second term and E. Buckerfield was elected vice - chairman. The board approved its budget for 1967, which included provision for a number of new services.

Parking facilities will be much improved at the new library location.

The Regional Board is to provide book - drop units to those libraries who wish to use them. They can be placed in convenient locations to receive books when the library is closed. The units are designed to provide maximum convenience both to library users and to librarians in the handling of the returned books.

Boards planning new libraries or renovations to existing libraries will have available to them the services of an architect specializing in library construction. This service is not intended to replace architects

hired by boards to draw up plans and supervise the work, but to provide free of charge the advice of a specialist in the library field.

The South Central Regional Board has allotted \$635 for reference books for Acton; about \$500 worth have been ordered - already including the new set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. A district fieldman has been appointed who will co-ordinate services in the three counties. It's possible a bookmobile would call here, bringing volumes for exchange.



CROUCHED IN CORNER of old library, Betty De Vries searches for a good mystery. Accommodation for children will be vastly improved next week, with separate room, small-scale tables, hassocks and chairs for their use.

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