

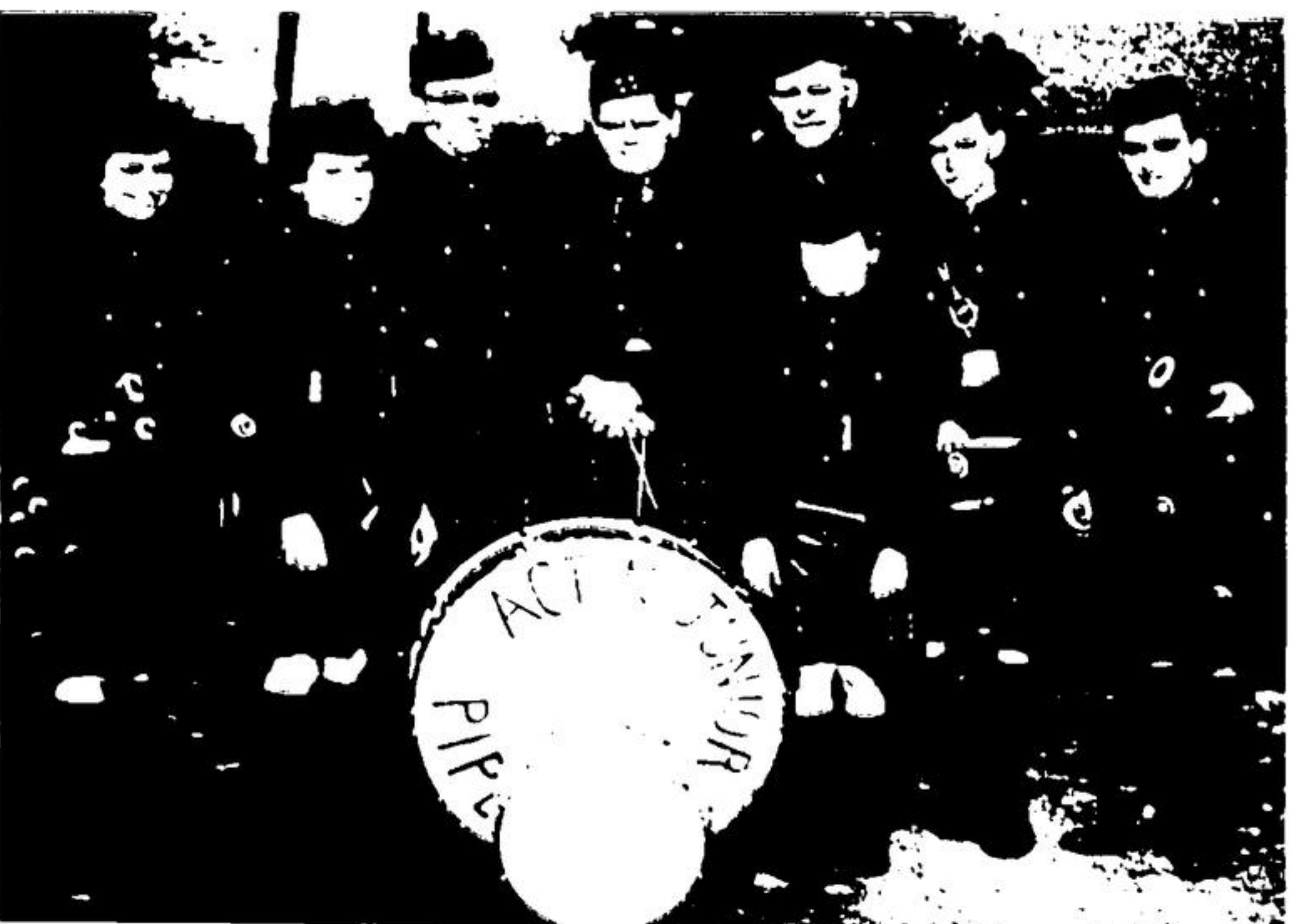
Looking at the Sixties . .



TAKING OATH OF office in January 1960 was political newcomer Les Doby, who headed the polls. He went on to become without doubt the busiest man of the decade politically. With him are Mayor Walter Cook, George Barbeau and clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie. Others on the council that started the sixties were reeve John Goy, deputy-reeve Jack Hargrave, Ted Pope, Jack Greer, Bill McLeod, Hugh Lowe.



FIRST CITIZEN OF the Year for the decade was beloved family doctor W. G. C. Kenney, with bowling champion Gayle Hulford, Mrs. George Barbeau and Mr. Barbeau who introduced Dr. Kenney.



REMEMBER THE pipe band? In new uniforms — Mary Lou Creighton, Joyce Rennick, Laurence Doby, Danny Holmes, Helen Cook, Phillip Caddick the leader, Michael Ross, Bob Foyers — in August, 1961.



MINISKIRTS ARE NOTHING new — they wore them in 1961. Lionettes are Yvonne Duval, Charlene Marshall, Sytske Bessem, Barbara Adams, Mary Baker and Marjorie Gough.



\$60,000 CAMPAIGN for community centre starts in May, 1961 with Lloyd Masales and Frank Van Wyck talking to publicity chairman J. Ledger; Miss Olga Dyriv was volunteer typist. Despite doubts, the canvass was a huge success.



FIRST CALL on dial phone made by Mayor John Goy in December, 1961.



Dr. Brian Moore starts practice in July 1962.

FIRST recreation director Jim Casburn, in September 1962.



BROTHER AND SISTER combination headed 50th anniversary fall fair in 1963. Calvin Aitken was president, Mrs. Irene (Aitken) Swackhamer secretary-treasurer.



CHARTER MEMBERS of Acton recreation committee in January 1963—Doug Widdis, Albert Irwin, Claude Cook, J. Bert Wood, Mrs. H. Otterbein, Dr. F. G. Oakes, John Goy, Mrs. B. Keates, Jack Buttough, recreation director Jim Casburn, Len Lovell.

1960

Mayor Walter Cook forecast "austerity" . . . the first Billy Middleton Rover Crew formed . . . curling rink roof collapses . . . Dr. Kenney named Citizen of the Year (and died in '68) . . . night school well attended, Don Bexton president . . . Bruce Kressler joins local O.P.P. . . . the last regular steam engines run . . . town's first mayor Amos Mason died . . . Huntville tannery closed and production moved to Acton . . . Gord McKeown named postmaster . . . rural schools gradually closed as central system takes over . . . businessmen held community picnic attended by 2,000 . . . Dr. A. J. Buchanan D.D.G.M. of Wellington district lodges . . . Fred Euringer's play produced at Stratford as he takes part in Shakespearean productions . . . Speyside school opens . . . top high school students, through all grades, were Mary Beth Elliott, Susan Heard, Jean Hart, Carl Gathof, Elizabeth Force, Brian Barbeau, Ilene Varey, Doreen Gordon, Louise Wasowicz, Mary Lou Creighton . . . H. K. Porter Co. comes here . . .

1961

After blitz of town, court hall mortgage was burned . . . surface seepage entering the Churchill N. well, discolored water, caused alarm and tests, chlorination was upped and all residents urged to boil water . . . Lions carnival postponed due to soft ice . . . Alf Long reports on safari in Africa . . . Coon Varey was critically injured when trapped in burning room at Station Hotel; he was rescued from second storey window by firefighter Did Price, but died several weeks after . . . successful, enthusiastic \$60,000 drive for community centre funds begin . . . new Bell Telephone exchange built on Church St. . . Keates Organ Co. came . . . United church demolished . . . Jan Rubes starred in Community Night program in park . . . Frank Heller Co. began operation . . . artificial ice equipment installed . . . Centennial Manor opened . . . Mayor John Goy made first phone call on new dial system from floor of high school gym . . .

1962

Curling begins in arena . . . Storey Glove and home demolished to make way for federal post office . . . Wilfrid Bird of Esquesing, warden . . . Mrs. Dennis Crooks bowled perfect game - for 450 score . . . Halton museum, established . . . in June hundreds toured new dial building . . . Dr. Harry Harley is in, Sandy Best is out; the service vote reversed Best's slim lead . . . Bill Erskine assessor . . . Dr. T. B. Moore opens practice with patients already waiting in his Mill-Main office . . . Canada's largest, Acton Limestone quarry in operation . . . town hires first recreation director Jim Casburn . . . M.P.P. Stan Hall dies . . . new water reservoir at Churchill . . . Ballinafad community hall opens . . . world tension brings review of Acton's emergency measures plan . . . fire at Frank Toth's store . . . county building opened . . .

1963

Bruce McArthur with force . . . Twin Lakes stable, dance hall burns . . . Mayor Barbeau takes office . . . George Kerr named to seek Stan Hall's seat, wins election . . . first recreation committee named . . . Esquesing administration building opened . . . official opening of new \$150,000 post office after a year of construction . . . Dr. Harley sweeps Acton with biggest vote ever . . . first season of figure skating ends with program under instructor Andrew Drenters . . . Mohawk raceway off and running . . . Christian Reformed church built . . . M. Z. Bennett fun fair raises \$400 . . . mushroom farm just south of Acton . . . first horse show at Style Acres ranch . . . council unable to match bid, fail to buy old post office . . . Dr. Cedric Day starts practice of dentistry . . . G. W. McKenzie international president of Y's Men . . . Dr. Kenney retires . . . 50th anniversary fair big success with Linda Ferguson' Miss Acton Fair . . . first summer program held at park . . .

1964

The year 750 paraders in the Orange parade were completely soaked by steady downpour . . . Y's Meg hydroplane derby . . . one of the town's oldest landmarks, nearly 100 years old, Eugene Braida's steel barn was torn down . . . new addition at high school . . . Harris Roe recreation director . . . council begins to acquire the industrial park . . . arena gets a new floor . . . school land purchased for \$1 for the new library . . . Mill-Main stop light urged, but rejected by Department . . . school safety patrol started . . .



DREAM BEGAN to develop into reality in May, 1965, when the first sod was turned for the Music Centre. Former bandmaster Charles Mason with Ted Tyler Jr. and George Elliott.