

Former Acton Master gets 50-year jewel

Representatives of Walker Lodge journeyed to Toronto Sunday afternoon to present a 50 Year Past Master's Jewel to Worshipful Brother L. George King, a former Master of the Acton lodge.

Attending from Acton were Worshipful Master C. L. Rognvaldson, Wor. Bro. R. A. Winton and Wor. Bro. J. R. MacArthur. Wor. Bro. Pieter Bregman or Copper Cliff (Algonquin Lodge) was also present for the presentation.

Joined in 1916
Wor. Bro. King was Master of Walker Lodge in 1921 after he returned from World War I. He

joined the lodge in 1916 before going overseas with the armed forces. A native of England he was hydro superintendent at that time.

Returning to Acton after the war, Wor. Bro. King served on the Public Utilities Commission before he left for Massey in 1935, where he ran the power plant and utilities operation.

A few years ago he retired to live with his daughter Dorothy in Sudbury. He moved to Toronto last year with his daughter and her family from Sudbury.

Mr. King enjoys good health and takes a keen interest in all things pertaining to Acton.



FORMER MASTER of Walker Lodge, Acton, Wor. Bro. L. George King received his 50 Year Past Master's Jewel in Toronto Sunday afternoon. Worshipful Master C. L. Rognvaldson, left, Wor. Bro. R. A. Winton and Wor. Bro. Pieter Bregman, right, extend congratulations to Mr. King on the achievement. —(Photo by Bob MacArthur)

Candidates speak here Sunday

Although Acton is not included in the boundaries of Halton East riding provincially, two candidates for the Liberal



DAVID BUTLER



BOB BLAKE

nomination addressed the Liberal meeting at Acton music centre Sunday afternoon. David Butler and Bob Blake both of Oakville, made brief impromptu addresses, stating their platforms.

The nomination convention is being held in Oakville March 2 and Acton Liberal executive is planning to send a busload of people as observers.

Good chance
David Butler, first to announce his candidature for the Liberal nomination was also first to speak. He felt there was a good chance for the Liberals to gain the Halton East seat, citing the close race in the riding in the last election as indicative of the mood.

Mr. Butler saw Bob Nixon as a great premier and felt people were ready for a change in the province on the issue of better government.

Eclipse of moon Feb. 9-10

Keep your eye on the sky the night of February 9-10.

If skies are clear you should be able to see a total eclipse of the moon, visible scientists claim all over North America.

In our region the eastern edge of the moon will enter the earth's shadow at 12:52 a.m. It will continue moving into the shadow of the earth and become totally eclipsed at 2:03 a.m.

The eclipse will terminate at 4:37 a.m.

Copper color
When completely within the earth's shadow there is still a dull, coppery color because sunlight is refracted through the atmosphere of the earth and faintly illuminates the eclipsed moon.

No special equipment is needed to enjoy a lunar eclipse. However, binoculars or a small telescope will bring out lunar craters and mountainous areas as the phenomenon occurs.

400 club winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were: Jack Jardine, Ella Morton, Jean Bullough, Bill Fisher and Lorraine Kingsmill.

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Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

One of the problems that has affected North American bridge in world-wide competition is the inability to bid good minor suit slams. This is a result of match point tactics where a major suit slam or no trump slam gives more match points if it is bid and made.

Many of the recently developed bidding systems are designed to overcome the handicap. Unfortunately average players are not familiar with these and as of yet do not bid minor suit slams as frequently as they should.

Week's example
Here is an example from the Acton Bridge Club. South dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S-A 9 8 6 5
H-A 8 2
D-7
C-J 8 7

WEST
S-J 4 3 2
H-5 4
D-K 10 9
C-Q 8 6

EAST
S-10 7
H-Q 10 8 7 3
D-J 8 5 5 2
C-4

SOUTH
S-K
H-K 9
D-A Q 4 3
C-A K 10 3 3 2

Suggested bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1C PASS 1S PASS
2C PASS 2S PASS
3D PASS 4N.T. PASS
5H PASS 6C ALL PASS

Opening lead — four of hearts. South should bid his club suit twice before bidding diamonds. This is the standard way of showing a six-four distribution.

The jump to three clubs is non-forcing but very strong.

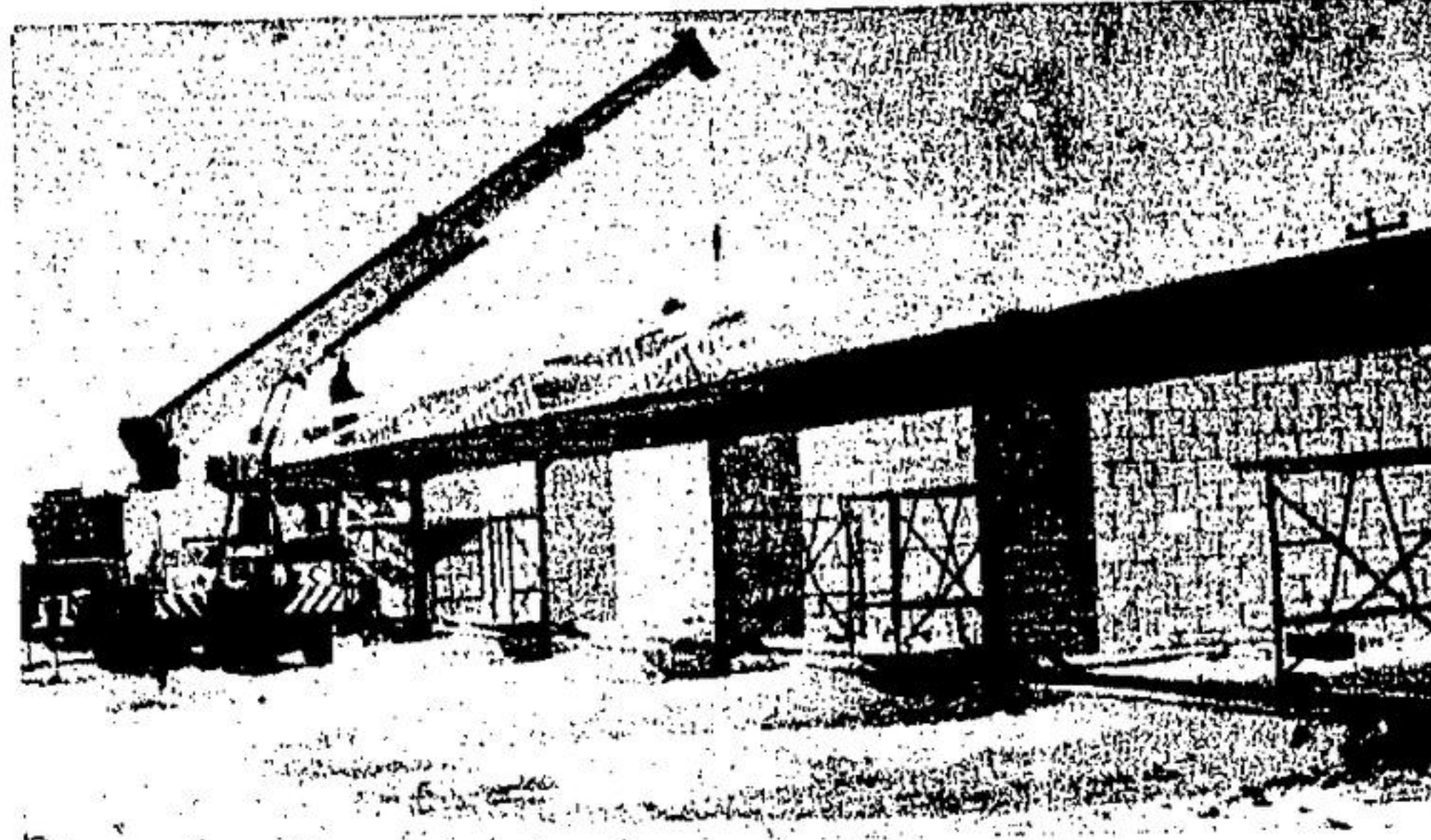
Suspect slam
North should suspect slam the minute that South makes his jump bid. The only problem is whether to bid slam in spades or in clubs.

When South does not support spades at all, North should decide on a minor suit slam. A grand slam should not be bid since South made a non-forcing jump which indicates the combined assets of the hand are less than 37 points.

Straight forward
The play is relatively straightforward. Declarer wins the heart in his hand and cashes the diamond ace. A diamond is ruffed and a spade allows declarer to regain the lead. A second diamond ruff drops West's king. If the king had not fallen, declarer would discard a diamond on dummy's high spade. The trump suit should be finessed on the off chance of East holding the queen. With two singletons in the North-South hands, it is most likely that the clubs are not divided evenly. The finesse loses but declarer can claim the balance.

Not once!
How many times was the club slam bid at the Acton Bridge Club? Not once. Six spades was bid and so was six no trump. You can guess the outcome.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first Kate Coats and Bill Coats; second, Cam Sinclair and Jack Coats; third, Gloria Coats and Ian Coats.



BEAMS FOR the roof of the new plaza at the corner of Churchill Road South and Queen Street were put in place by a giant crane, last week. —(Staff Photo)

OBITUARIES

Christian Frank

Christian (Chris) Frank of R.R. 2 Rockwood, died suddenly at Milton District Hospital on Jan. 12. He was in his 65th year.

Mr. Frank was born to Joseph and Edith Frank on April 21, 1906 in Nassagaweya Township. He attended school at S.S. No. 7 Nassagaweya and helped his parents with the farm and wood business until he went west to

Saskatchewan in 1920. Out west he worked in a garage and learned a mechanic's trade until he returned to Nassagaweya in 1931. On April 5, 1941 he married Mary Charlotte Wilson in Eden Mills and took up residence at R.R. 2 Rockwood. He worked in Georgetown and Milton and farmed in his spare time.

In August 1966 he was employed by the Cockshutt Company and later the same year by Dixie Equipment Co. where he worked until the time of his death.

In May, 1967 he moved from the farm to Fifteen Sideroad.

Humorist, friend
Mr. Frank had been ill for a long time and is sadly missed by his neighbors who found him quite a humorist and good friend. He was active in sports all his life and fond of antique motor shows.

Funeral service was held at McKersie Funeral Home in Milton on Jan. 15 with Rev. D. Nicholson officiating. Interment was in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Cemetery. Pallbearers were neighbors George Dredge, Ted Jennings, Moe Thibodeau and Charles Baynton; nephew Wayne Howden of Milton and friend Howard Timmins of Hamilton.

Surviving are his wife Mary, brothers William of Nassagaweya, Bob and Tony of Acton, Joseph of Georgetown, Karl of Port Credit and James of Glen Williams; sisters Minnie (Mrs. Bud James) of Georgetown, Laura (Mrs. Gordon Silcock) of Burwash and Wilfred, deceased.

A. Villemaire was carpenter

Alcide Villemaire of 86 Wallace St. died in St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph, on January 18. He was employed at Beardmore and Co. for 17 years and after retirement worked at Lindsay's flour mill for two years. He was a good carpenter and willing to help anyone who needed him.

Mr. Villemaire was born in 1896 in Buckingham, P.Q., and went to school there. He was married in 1923 in Ponteix, Saskatchewan, and his wife survives him. They lived at R. R. 1 before moving to town a year and a half ago.

He is survived by his wife, sons Harvey, Fort Nelson, B.C.; Louis, Oakville; Gerald, Airdrie, Alberta and Eugene, Scotland, Ontario; sisters in Buckingham P.Q. and St. Adolphe D'Howard, P.Q.

Rev. V. J. Morgan conducted the funeral January 21 at St. Joseph's church and burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Pallbearers were three sons Louis, Gerald and Eugene; R. Boudreault, Oakville, Well Harris, Milton and Peter Vranic, Acton.

H. F. Holmes funeral Friday

Harry Frances (Bunk) Holmes of 16 Park Ave., Acton, passed away on Tuesday, January 26. He had just had his 77th birthday on January 8.

He had been transferred from hospital in Guelph to St. Joseph's hospital in Hamilton where he died.

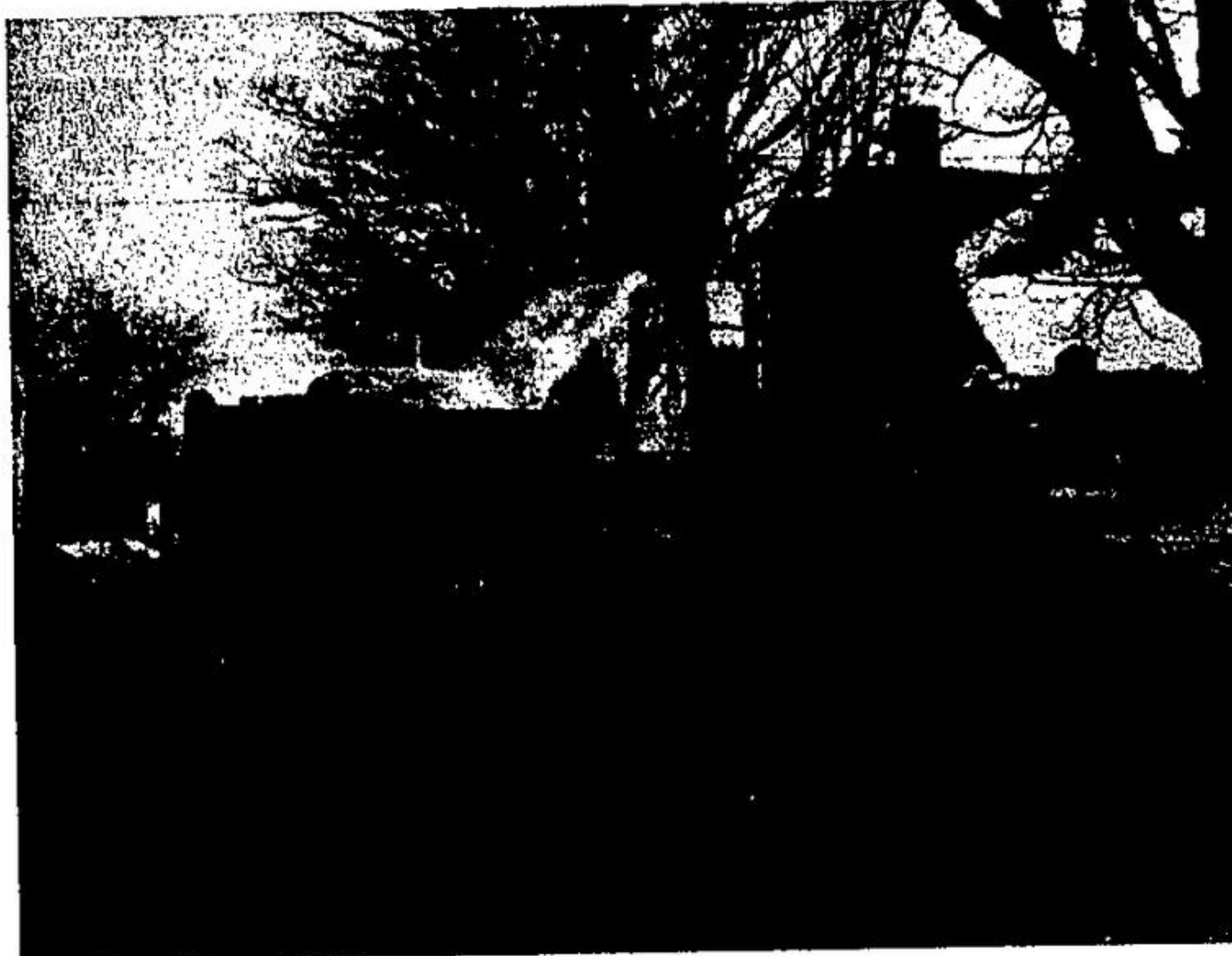
Funeral service was at St. Alban's church Friday morning conducted by the Rev. Harry Dawson. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were H. H. Hinton, Ray Mason, Doug Mason, Grant Allan, Herb Cook and Dude Lindsay.

He is survived by his wife the former Ethel Goldham, sons Charles (Mick) of Acton and John of Georgetown.

Mr. Holmes, a well-known and popular resident, was born in Acton, son of Sarah and Henry Sulton Holmes.

A former railroad man, he was owner of the Dominion Hotel before retiring.

He always enjoyed sports and was active in hockey years ago. He was a lawn bowler and enjoyed fishing. He was an associate member of the Legion.



TOWN WORKMEN had the snow blower in action clearing streets this week. —(Staff Photo)

Ford back to work

Ford of Canada workers at the Oakville plant returned to work last week after a brief strike. They had only been back to work a few hours when the plant was closed due to the Tuesday storm.

Ford and the United Auto Workers reached agreement on a three year contract on Jan. 23 and it was ratified on Jan. 25. Basic wage increases ranging from 89.5 cents to \$1.06 per hour are included in the contract.

It covers over 13,000 hourly rated employees at Oakville, Windsor, Niagara Falls, Bramalea and St. Thomas. Minimum base rate will be 4.25 per hour and maximum rates are 6.18. Most employees (assemblers) will be receiving \$4.51 per hour.

Wife, laden with packages, to husband: "I'll tell you what happened to the nest egg. This old hen got tired of sitting on it."

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RIGHT TO THE END
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