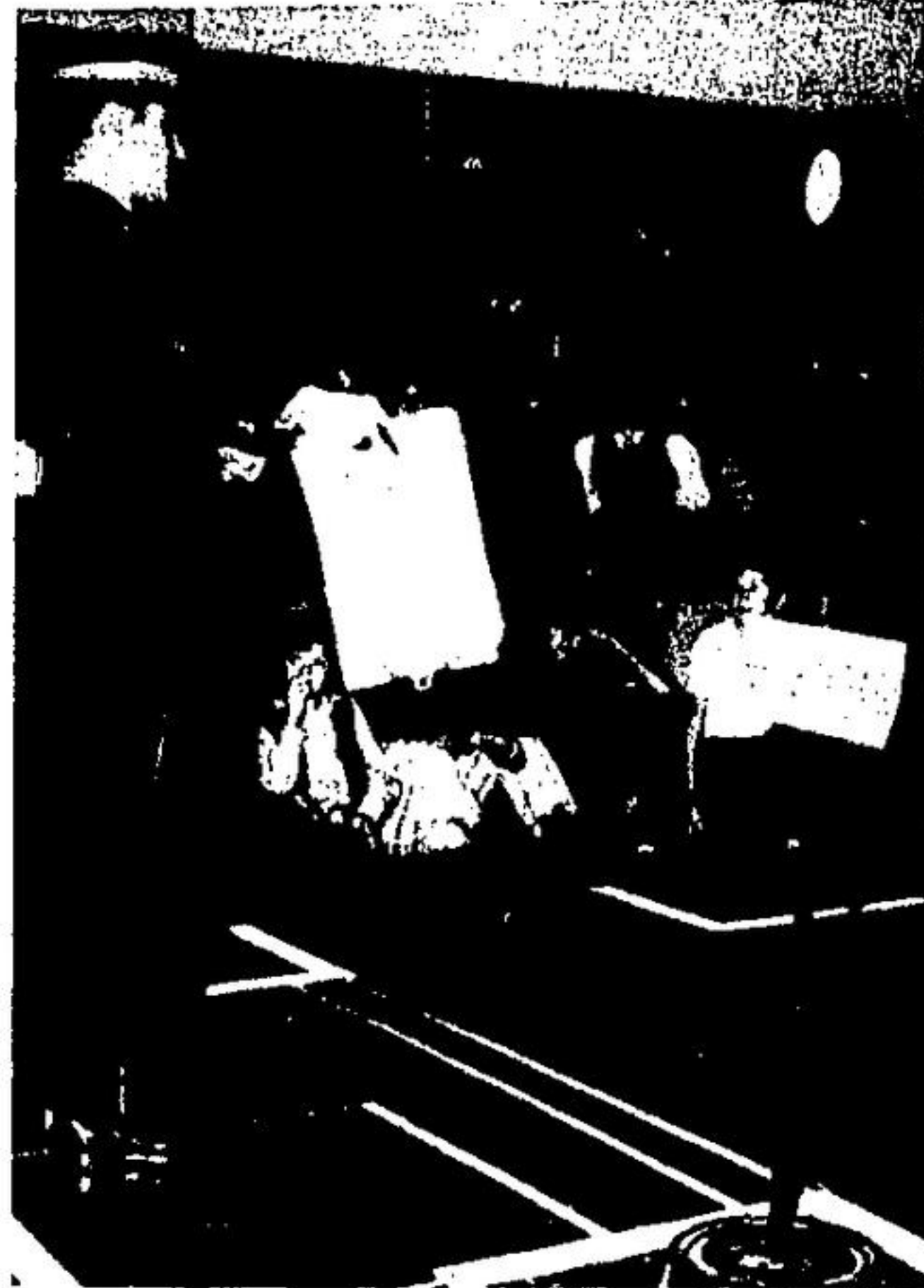




O.P.P. CONSTABLE Jim Redpath gives Nancy Frank's bicycle a thorough safety check. Cons. Redpath and Cons. Dave Boyes of the Acton detachment conducted a bicycle safety clinic at Robert Little School Friday afternoon.



GWYNETH Gibb guides her bicycle safely through the pylons during Friday afternoon's safety clinic conducted by Con. Jim Redpath of the OPP at Robert Little school.



"LOOK BOTH ways before you walk your bicycle across the intersection." Con. Jim Redpath tells Robert Little school students. Con. Redpath conducted a bicycle safety clinic at the school Friday afternoon.

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Janice Gibson
Visitors in the school, last Monday, from Williamstown (near the Quebec border) came to view the semester system.

Smoking proposal
At the staff meeting this week, Russell Coultrup and Glenn Lee, student council president and vice president, submitted a proposal for a smoking area, outside the school. They also presented a new student constitution for the teachers' approval.

Tuesday and Thursday of this week Mr. Rowley took some of his classes on a biological walk. The vice-principal, principal, two students, two teachers, and three parents from Milton visited

on Wednesday, to view the semester system in progress.

Mr. Ellis, English head, took several Grade 13 students to the St. Lawrence Centre, in Toronto. They saw the play, 'The Trial'. Mrs. Dina Huenken, German and History teacher, went to Sir Allan McNabb Secondary School in Hamilton, last Thursday. She had a conference with the German department head there.

Friday, we had a Remembrance Day Assembly, that I feel will stick in the students' minds for quite a while. We all thank Mr. May and the students who worked with him for such a great job.

Erin High visitors were here to see our system.

Erin teachers visit

By Deb Swackhamer

Since Acton started the semester system there have been a number of people visiting us to see how the school operates.

Last Friday, Mrs. Gall Baldwin, a French teacher, and Rick McLarnon, head of the Math department from Erin high school, visited Acton high school. Two years ago I attended Erin High and one of my teachers had been Mr. McLarnon. So it was a pleasure to see him again and to be able to interview him and hear his views on the system. He seemed very impressed with Acton High, liking the flexibility it provides.

It gets the teachers and the students out of a rut', he said. At Erin, they presently have

ten 40-minute periods a day, whereas Acton has six one-hour periods.

Mr. McLarnon thinks changing to the semester system would be an advantage to himself as well as to the students. His statement 'What I have seen today seems to be a system that works and works well' certainly gives us the impression that he likes what he has seen.

Mrs. Baldwin feels that the system puts demands on both students and teachers. She also feels it offers a lot of selection. But she's interested and is willing to try it.

If Erin were to change to the semester system, it would be a big step for them, just as it has been for us.

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AHS PRINCIPAL Dave Katz discusses the merits of the semester system with parents visiting the school last week. (Photo by Janice Gibson)

Parents visit A.H.S.

By Wendy Hannah
Thursday mornings at Acton High, it is not uncommon to see several mothers, or as the case has been a few times, fathers, peek into their classrooms with principal, D. Katz as their guide. This program began at the end of September, and has continued with widespread approval among staff, students, and parents involved.

Visits consist of two parts: Parents in a group of three or four arrive at approximately 9:15 a.m. A student greets them and shows them into the office where their coats are taken and they can sit down. When everyone has arrived, they are taken to the "conference table" in Mr. Katz's section.

For about an hour, they discuss the school, how the system works, and any questions which might arise. When that part is completed, Mr. Katz takes them on a tour of the school, showing the various equipment and services available to students. Parents who visited last

Thursday, Mrs. McGillivray, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Koks, and Mrs. Mallett felt that this program enables them to understand more things about the school. They mentioned that their teenagers don't tell them too much and this type of program helps to keep them informed. Because our school is on the

semester system, the parents of grade nine students are often left bewildered and unable to help students at home. When the mothers left the school Thursday, they felt that the school system hadn't changed that much, and felt much more "in the know" about what goes on at Acton High.

Service moves students

By Lee Ward

FIVE WAYS TO KILL A MAN

By Edwin Brock

There are many cumbersome ways to kill a man; you can make him carry a plank of wood to the top of a hill and nail him to it. To do this properly you require a crowd of people wearing sandals, a cock that crows, a cloak to dissect, a sponge, some vinegar and one man to hammer the nails home.

Or you can take a length of steel, shaped and chased in a traditional way, and attempt to pierce the metal cage he wears. But for this you need white horses, English trees, men with bows and arrows, at least two flags, a prince and a castle to hold your banquet in.

Dispensing with nobility, you may, if the wind allows, blow gas at him. But then you need a mile of mud sliced through with ditches, not to mention black boots, bomb craters, more mud, a plague of rats, a dozen

and some round hats made of steel.

In an age of aeroplanes, you may fly miles above your victim and dispose of him by pressing one small switch. All you then require is an ocean to separate you, two systems of government, a nation's scientists, several factories, a psychopath and land that no one needs for several years.

These are, as I began, cumbersome ways to kill a man. Simpler, direct, and much more neat is to see that he is living somewhere in the middle of the twentieth century, and leave him there.

This poem which has such great heartbreaking realism written into it, was the theme for the Remembrance Day assembly held on the morning of November 10 in Acton Hicton High auditorium. The many slides, appropriate music, and effective lighting made "war" seem very close to the hearts of all and caused us to think of the men who fought for Canada.

Candy campaign nets \$500

By Sharon Barber

The Students' Council held a campaign during the first two weeks of October selling 114 dozen packages of Hallowe'en candy. A ten-speed bicycle was given to John McHugh for selling the most candies — 310 bags.

Chris Tennant, Jim Tolton and Becky Baxter received free passes to all Students' Council activities for the rest of the year. Honorable mentions went to Nina

Legate and Jonathon Binnie who received free passes to the Hallowe'en Dance for their efforts.

The Students' Council made well from \$500 from the campaign.

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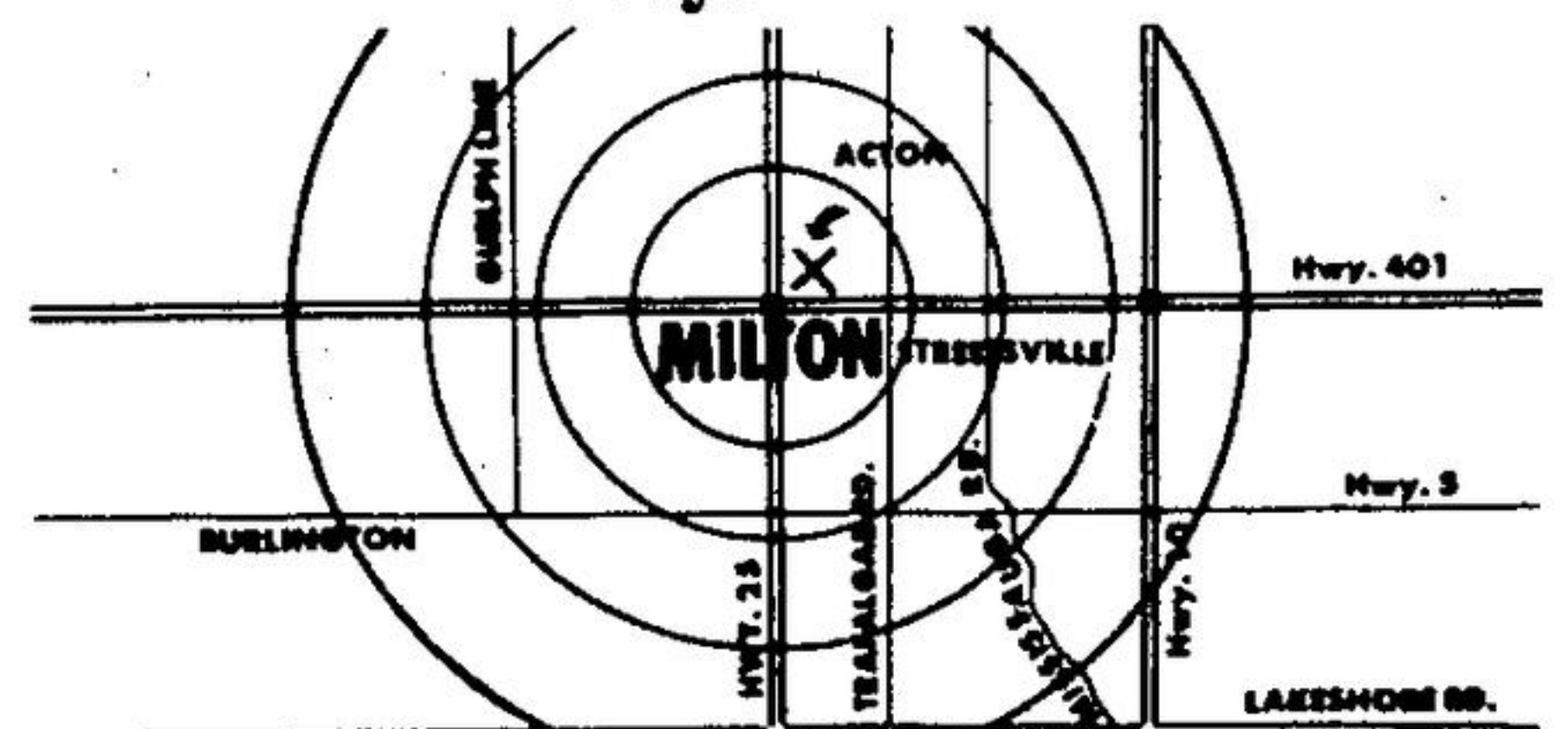
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