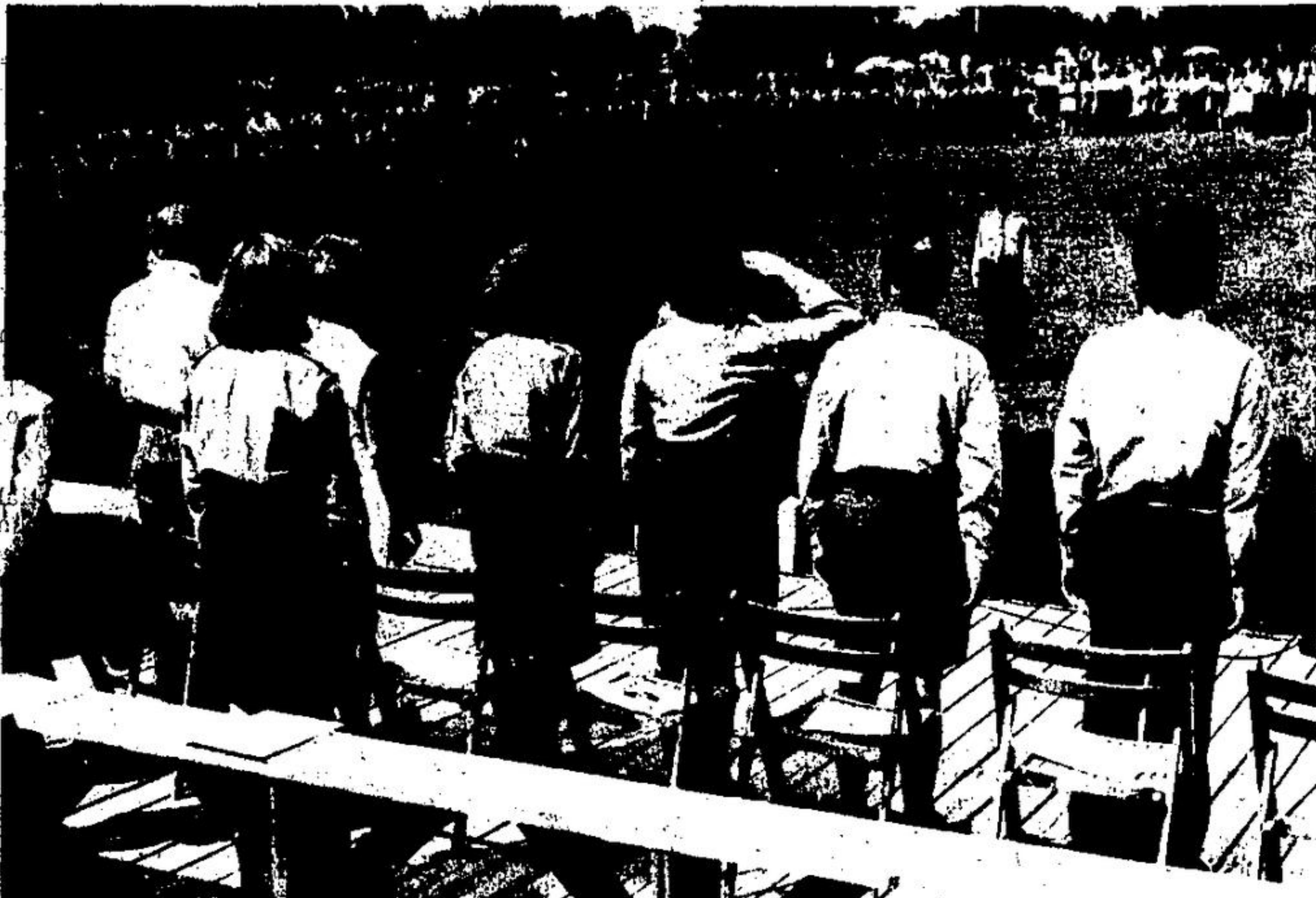


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Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 10, 1953.

Six twins were investigating the possibilities of kindergarten on the first day. They are John and Peter Hladun, Michael and Phillip Sargent and David and Doug Garrett. Acton has the biggest kindergarten to date with 88 registered. Total enrolment is 520 at the public school with four new teachers and Principal Robbins expects 130 in high school with nine in the Upper School graduation class.

Public school teachers are Shirley Dills, Agnes King, Jane Gamble, Kay Alger, Vivian McDougall, Phyllis Barrett, Dena Braida, Dorothy Warne, Isabel Anderson, Daisy Folster, Miss Wilkinson, Elmer Smith and principal G. W. McKenzie. High school teachers are E. Hansen, Mary Snyder, Edythe Harris, Phyllis Hess, John Heron and Mr. Robbins. The high school (the stone building beside the Robert Little school) has been completely repainted with new sidewalks laid.

Thirty pounds lighter than when he left for Korea, Jimmy Gunn arrived back. Lockie McKersie and Murray Thatcher are now associated in the funeral home in Milton. Both have been associated with Victor Rumley.

The man who has been in business on Mill St. for the longest time, William Cooper has retired. It's over 50 years since he started in the tailoring and gents' furnishings business.

A special meeting was held to consider the possibility of having night school classes in Acton and Georgetown. There have been classes in Milton for the past three years.

The Rams finally disposed of the pestiferous Iroquois Indians in the semifinals. They meet Streetsville next.

Firemen were unable to save the barn of Bill and Jim Gibberston, Eden Mills, which was struck by lightning.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 6, 1923.

The greatest disaster in the world's history of modern times occurred in Japan Friday night, earthquake, fire and tidal flood. 200,000 houses were shaken down or burned and thousands of people killed. Millions of people are homeless. Canada is especially interested because in the devastated area there are 62 missionaries from the Methodist church, 40 Anglican, 2 Presbyterian, 6 Salvation Army and 3 Y.M.C.A.

Gone are the days of barefoot freedom. It was hard for the kiddies to get back to school again but much harder for their tired mother who had to realize and secure new shoes, new stockings, new suits and dresses and have them all in readiness for the opening on Tuesday.

A beloved mother of the home Mrs. George Dills passed away. The eldest son Park came all the way from Colorado when apprised of his mother's illness. She was a Christian who lived consistently up to her profession.

The people of Churchill community took a holiday last Thursday and joined the Sunday School in their annual picnic at Blue Spring Park. There were about 75 present. Harold Swackhamer and Archie Kerr were captains for a football match. Race winners were Mildred Foster, Elva Pearson, Ross Swackhamer, Vern Murray, Harry Murray, Tushingham Foster, Leslie Swackhamer, Edna McCutcheon, Jack Allan, Mrs. A. J. Murray. The tables fairly groaned under the good things.

A fine concert was put on in Rockwood town hall by Frank Guild, Baritone and others. Mr. Guild's splendid voice showed to fine advantage.

Mr. Evan Jones fine gray draft horse Fred, who was so seriously injured, is now making good progress toward recovery.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 1, 1898.

A number of active temperance workers met in the town hall last Friday evening and organized for the plebiscite campaign. A couple of public meetings will be held with prominent speakers and a union choir. Rev. H. A. MacPherson is president, H. P. Moore secretary-treasurer, finance committee John Cameron and James Brown. Young ladies were appointed to distribute literature bearing upon the questions at issue: Misses Fyfe, Grindell, Hill, Laird, Clara Moore, May Moore, Maggie Mathews, McPhail, Annie Stephenson, Benie Wallace, Warren and Maggie Wilson.

Vote for prohibition and help save your neighbours' boys.

The restaurant known as The Golden Dollar, Toronto, was raided on Saturday night and several dozens of beers were found hidden in the piano in the parlor.

The welcome music of the school bells is heard regularly again. Schools re-open today.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Copper in Georgetown has been sadly bereaved in the past 11 months, in which time three of their children have died. On Tuesday last a little boy of four years was taken, the cause being inflammation coupled with measles.

The Ladies of Main and Mill St. held their annual picnic party this year at the spacious lawn at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Turton. There were between 40 and 50 present.

Rev. Scanlan gave a lecture in Rockwood town hall titled Footprints of Rum. A large number attended.

American troops at Chateaufort stoned two negro pedlars to death in revenge for the death of a soldier at the hands of another colored man.

UKRAINIAN YOUTH Association celebrated its 25th anniversary of existence in Canada with a special day at Camp Hemelda on the Fourth Line east of Acton Sunday. Youth corps from across the province as well as some youths from Western Canada and European countries stood at attention along with dignitaries on the platform as the Canadian and Ukrainian national anthems were played. (Top photo) Members of the Ukrainian youth band and spectators are reflected in the shiny surface of a sousaphone (Lower left). Archbishop Isador Borecky of Toronto (Lower right) celebrated Mass in the morning, then addressed the huge gathering in the afternoon. Among the guests present were Mr. Glen Allen representing the Department of

the Secretary of State, Toronto Humber M.P.P. Nick Leluk and Acton Reeve Garnet "Pat" McKenzie who was representing Mayor Les Duby. A special campfire was held at the Camp Saturday night and sports activities and singing by a girls' choir followed Sunday's ceremonies. The Ukrainian Youth Association is a voluntary non-profit organization comprising a membership of over 3500 youths at 22 branches throughout Canada. Primary aim of the association is to organize the Ukrainian youth in Canada and to afford its members the means of social intercourse, mutual assistance, cultural and moral improvement and recreation within their own national organization. (D. Gibbons photos)

CAS moves — Burlington new home

Halton Children's Aid Society will close district offices in Oakville and Burlington and its head office in Milton Sept. 15. At that time the Society will move into a central office in Burlington at 1150 Blair Rd. CAS has agreed to a three year lease there.

Director Dr. Gordon Askwith said the bulk of the social workers have been working out of offices in Oakville and Burlington for some time, while the administrative staff has worked out of the Hugh St. office in Milton.

Dr. Askwith said he felt there would be a tremendous advantage in centralization. He said having everyone in one office will make administration work easier and will help save time and make it easier for workers to meet one another for meetings or consultation.

Converted house
The Milton building at 48 Hugh St. is a converted house owned by Halton County Warden Anne MacArthur told county council recently that no decision on what should be done with the building

or land has been made yet, but the matter will be studied soon.

CAS has in the county. Eventually the CAS hopes to set up interviewing offices situated strategically in the various

communities so that ultimate service to the people can be provided.

To the Citizens of North Halton

In the days ahead we will be faced with many decisions and will be required to depart from planning and discussion, remove the non-essentials and go into action.

It is my belief that the political environment as we now know it will change and we must modify ourselves somewhat to exist and function in this new order.

I am sincere when I say that I seek the respect of the society in which we live, believing that people are not merely voters or potential votes to be counted, but neighbours and friends.

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Al Masson stresses efficiency

Halton Regional Council will not be a free afternoon or evening's entertainment, according to chairman Al Masson. Masson told Nassagaweya Council he felt Oakville Council has allowed itself to be taken advantage of. "I think people go there because that is where they can find the best entertainment in town every Monday night. I won't be a Master of Ceremonies for any free show," Masson said.

He continued to explain to council the region would have to be run efficiently and the council will have to operate like a board of directors.

"There won't be any free-for-all with that (regional) council. I'm not against public input but you can't listen forever. The door has to be closed sometime and the decision made," he added.

Be there
Commenting on the problem of having meetings so that the public could attend, Masson said this shouldn't really receive a lot of consideration. He noted that if people feel it is significant enough to be there they'll make the time. "They take time to see the doctor, to see the lawyer and so on."

Masson met with council for about an hour last week in a tour of municipal councils set up to

discuss the implementation of regional government and answer councillors' questions.

He said an inaugural reception would be held, most likely Oct. 18, and anticipated about 700 people being invited including the Premier, the Lt.-Governor and other provincial, local and regional dignitaries.

Key positions
The chairman indicated a Queen's Park board of review would consider applications for key staff positions and make recommendations to the regional council. Department heads will hire their own staff, he said.

Masson expects the regional staff to total about 1,500 when the region inherits police forces and other municipal employees who will work on regional functions. There are presently about 500 employed by Halton County.

Discussing the amount of time regional councillors should expect to spend on the job, Masson suggested there would be two council meetings and probably two committee meetings each month. He said those meetings should be no longer than two or three hours.

Accountable
Deputy Reeve Jim Watson questioned whether the larger council could be accountable to

the people. He felt too many decisions that should be council decisions would be left to the staff to take care of.

Masson disagreed. In advancing an argument, he suggested council would be a policy-setting body and wouldn't be out measuring how high the grass is on the front lawn.

The chairman told council the region would likely be looking for new headquarters very early in their being.

Masson also told council he wasn't satisfied with the latest offer the province had made for the purchase of the county building, but promised the county would get a fair price for the building if it was ever sold. Nassagaweya councillors felt the province should provide enough money to build a new regional headquarters.

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Notice of public hearings into the transmission of power from Middleport to Pickering

1. The Province of Ontario appointed Dr. Omond Solandt, under the Public Inquiries Act by Order-in-Council OC-2053/72 dated the 21st of June, 1972, as amended by Order-in-Council OC-2947/72 dated the 13th of September, 1972 to inquire into the transmission of power from Nanticoke to Pickering.
2. Following on the recommendations contained in Commissioner Solandt's Interim Report, dated the 31st of October, 1972, Mr. Bruce Howlett, environmental consultant, was retained by Commissioner Solandt to undertake a public study and to make recommendations on the best location for the 500 kv transmission lines between Middleport and Pickering.
3. Mr. Howlett will file his report and recommendations pertaining to this matter, with the Commissioner, and will present an oral summary of the report and recommendations to interested parties, at a public hearing on September 13, 1973.
4. Any interested party who wishes to present a brief related to this matter should file a copy of such a brief with the Secretary on or before October 5, 1973 indicating at the same time whether or not he wishes to speak to his brief at a subsequent public hearing.
5. Any other interested party who wishes to make oral representations at the subsequent public hearing, either personally or through a representative, should indicate his intent to do so in writing, to the Secretary, on or before October 5, 1973.
6. Commissioner Solandt will hold further public hearings on October 15, 17, 19, 22, and 24, 1973, (and on such additional days as may be required), in order that interested parties may have an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Howlett, and to present evidence.
7. The public hearings on September 13, October 15, 17, 19, 22, and 24, 1973, will be held in the Ontario Room, Macdonald Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m. To accommodate special circumstances, and unique local concerns, Commissioner Solandt will consider requests, by interested parties, to hold additional public hearings in other parts of Ontario, either day or evening sessions. All such requests, however, should be filed with the Secretary on or before October 5, 1973.
8. Copies of Mr. Howlett's report and recommendations will be on view in area Municipal Offices and the Solandt Commission office. Copies of all briefs will be on view at the Solandt Commission office. Individual copies of Mr. Howlett's report and recommendations may be purchased from the Ontario Government Bookstore, 880 Bay Street, Toronto, M7A 1N8, for the sum of \$5.00 each.

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