

# Architect, Heritage rep Acton native meet town hall group gets promotion

In the town hall Thursday evening, Doug Cook of the Heritage Administration branch, architect Patrick Coles and the members of the Town Hall Restoration committee met together to discuss "where it's at".

Mr. Coles, who will be preparing the feasibility study, sought information from the Actonians and outlined what he would be doing.

Mr. Cook explained his

department's procedures in regard to two different kinds of grants, one for the feasibility study and one toward the restoration itself.

George Elliott chaired the meeting. The architect reported he will be taking a look at the building both in technical and aesthetic terms; will prepare outline drawings based on requirements, will make recommendations on the best uses,

will give estimates on the overall cost of construction and allied costs, and the cost of operating and maintaining it.

He wondered what the cost of operating the town hall is now. He suggested a New Horizons grant could provide money for the senior citizens to pay rent.

"The town hall is in 'average condition,'" he told the committee, adding cheerfully, "I've had worse problems."

Staff Superintendent J. A. MacPherson of the Ontario Provincial Police has been promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent, Policy Analysis Secretariat, to replace Chief Superintendent D. D. Higley who will be retiring from the Force.

Chief Superintendent MacPherson resides with his wife, Helen, on Hillgrove Road in Mississauga, Ontario. His two sons, Constables Gary and Wayne

MacPherson, are members of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed at Peterborough and Alliston Detachments respectively.

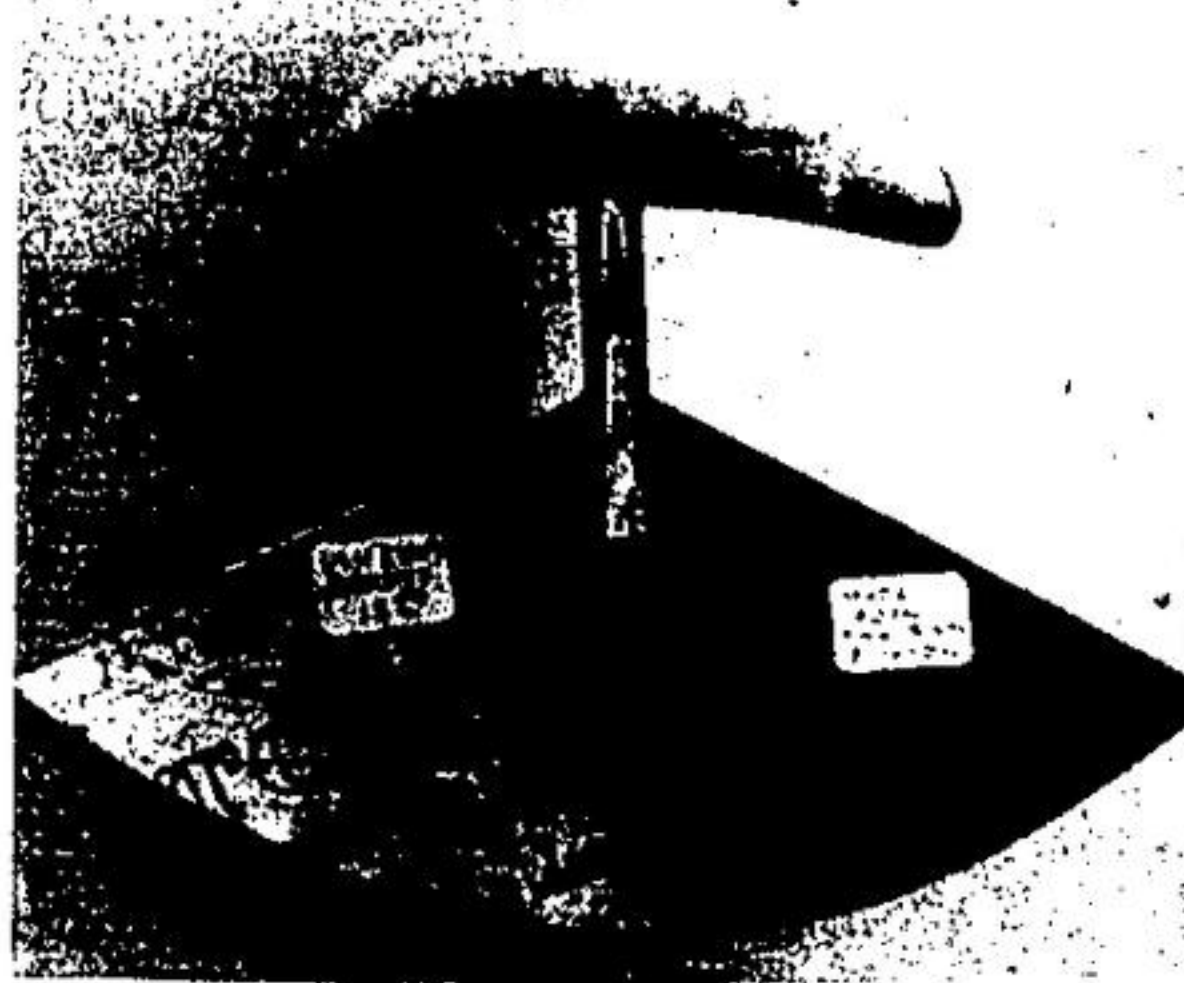
Born in Acton, Chief Superintendent MacPherson joined the Force in 1949 and served at Chatham, Rondeau Park, Ridgetown and St. Thomas. Before joining the O.P.P. College staff at General Headquarters in 1965, he was seconded as a lecturer to the Ontario Police College at Aylmer, Ontario.

On May 1, 1973, Chief Superintendent MacPherson succeeded Staff Superintendent E. V. Hicks as Director of the O. P. P. Training Branch, a post he has held until this promotion. During his tenure as Director, O.P.P. Training Branch, he successfully graduated from a Certificate Course in Criminology, University of Toronto.

## Sears CORRECTION

On page 9 of the "Kenmore Days" flyer, distributed recently in your area, we have incorrectly advertised a Harvest Gold Range (227 454 078 DL) at \$229.98. The correct price should read \$259.98, to reflect a \$10 extra cost for a coloured model. The white model (227 454 070 DL) is shown at its correct price of \$289.98.

Sears sincerely regrets any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



ESKIMO scraping tool's blade was made in Acton at Disston. Lorna Clarke bought it for a souvenir anyway and brought the blade back home to where it started.

## Ulu knife makes unique souvenir

An "ulu knife" an Eskimo implement for scraping the flesh off animal hides—is Lorna Clarke's special souvenir of her holidays this summer.

The ulu knife not only reminds her of her trip north, but it also gives her special delight as she thinks of its origins.

She bought the knife in a native crafts shop at Atlin in the northernmost part of British Columbia. It was made from a sawblade and horn, and priced at \$13.50.

Scatched on the top of the blade was "Coppermine N.W.T. RAngivana."

So the implement was made at Coppermine, presumably by an Eskimo called Angivana.

She turned the blade over and to her astonishment read "K-1 Townsman Disston 8 points (Cana) da Limited, Acton, Ontario Canada."

The blade itself was made in her home town!

She wasn't going to buy the souvenir at first but thought it over and decided it was just too good to miss. Her son David, whom she was visiting at his home in Whitehorse, backed her decision.

"The people in the shop told Mrs. Clarke she didn't need to save the tool for the day she might want to scrape hides. It's handy for chopping parsley and mint, too!"

Mrs. Clarke is familiar to many as the clerk in the town office on Mill St. She lives on Elizabeth Dr.



TOWN HALL'S future is discussed by architect Patrick Coles, Heritage Foundation representative Doug Wood and the chairman of the Town Hall Restoration committee, George Elliott. Mr. Coles is preparing a feasibility study; Mr. Wood holds his group's purse strings.

## Middle school review rejected

A plan to slow down further development of middle schools or junior high schools was rejected by Halton Board of Education.

Noting an entire generation of students have now gone through middle schools, Trustee Len Crosier suggested the board not open any more until a study is done to make sure they work better than traditional kindergarten to grade eight schools.

Director of Education Em Lavender said there are good middle schools and good kindergarten to grade eight schools and it would be hard to determine if in all situations one type is better than another. He said there are some schools which will be kindergarten to grade eight forever and cited Brookville as an example of a school which won't be changed.

Trustee Ivan Armstrong said Brookville parents are very worried about seeing their older children sent to a middle school.

Trustee Jim Clelland said there is great concern in Halton about innovative education and noted studies done in the United States now show middle schools aren't as good for quality education as many educators once thought.

Superintendent of Instruction John Boich pointed out middle schools aren't that new an idea since the first one in Ontario opened in 1932 and an in-depth study was done in Toronto regard junior high schools in 1953. He said middle schools provide better

programs and facilities than regular elementary schools and are a great benefit to young adolescents.

He said in his opinion if a community is strongly opposed to something the board shouldn't move in that direction until the public's view is changed. Middle schools shouldn't be opened if parents in the area object.

Trustee Bert Hinton said the United States has now rejected middle schools and Halton should follow. He said North York would like to get out of junior high schools and expressed concern about the new McKenzie-Smith school in Acton. He said it was wrong to take children away from neighborhood schools where the kindergarten to grade 8 system is working well. He said the only advantage to an Acton middle school is the board can now get rid of portables.

Hinton warned starting middle schools is the first step towards closing small schools and suggested children don't need to go through the changes of going to a traditional school and then moving to a middle school.

"Middle schools are an inconvenience we can do without," Hinton declared.

He said Stewarttown school was an example of a successful middle school but added any school would be successful with Stewarttown's staff.

Crosier said middle schools are harmful because they move children around and split up brothers and sisters.

## Midas to keep cruisers quiet

Halton Regional Police Commission moved to award Midas Muffler Shops the contract to replace mufflers on cruisers in this area, Oakville and Burlington for the year.

The award tied up one end of an on going discussion concerning costs of replacing windshields, exhaust systems and tires. The discussion has been a topic of commission meetings for at least two months.

A step was taken to end off the fire replacement talks with Chief Ken Skerrett's suggestion that the commission write down exactly what it wants in a tire, and give the specifications to the purchasing department for quotations.

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