

Official opening Tuesday for new high school

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The cutting of a red ribbon officially signalled the opening of the new Acton district high school Tuesday night. The scissors were wielded by the Hon. Tom Wells, the Minister of Education, backed by a throng of applauding platform guests including students, teachers, school board members, Halton administrators and clergy.

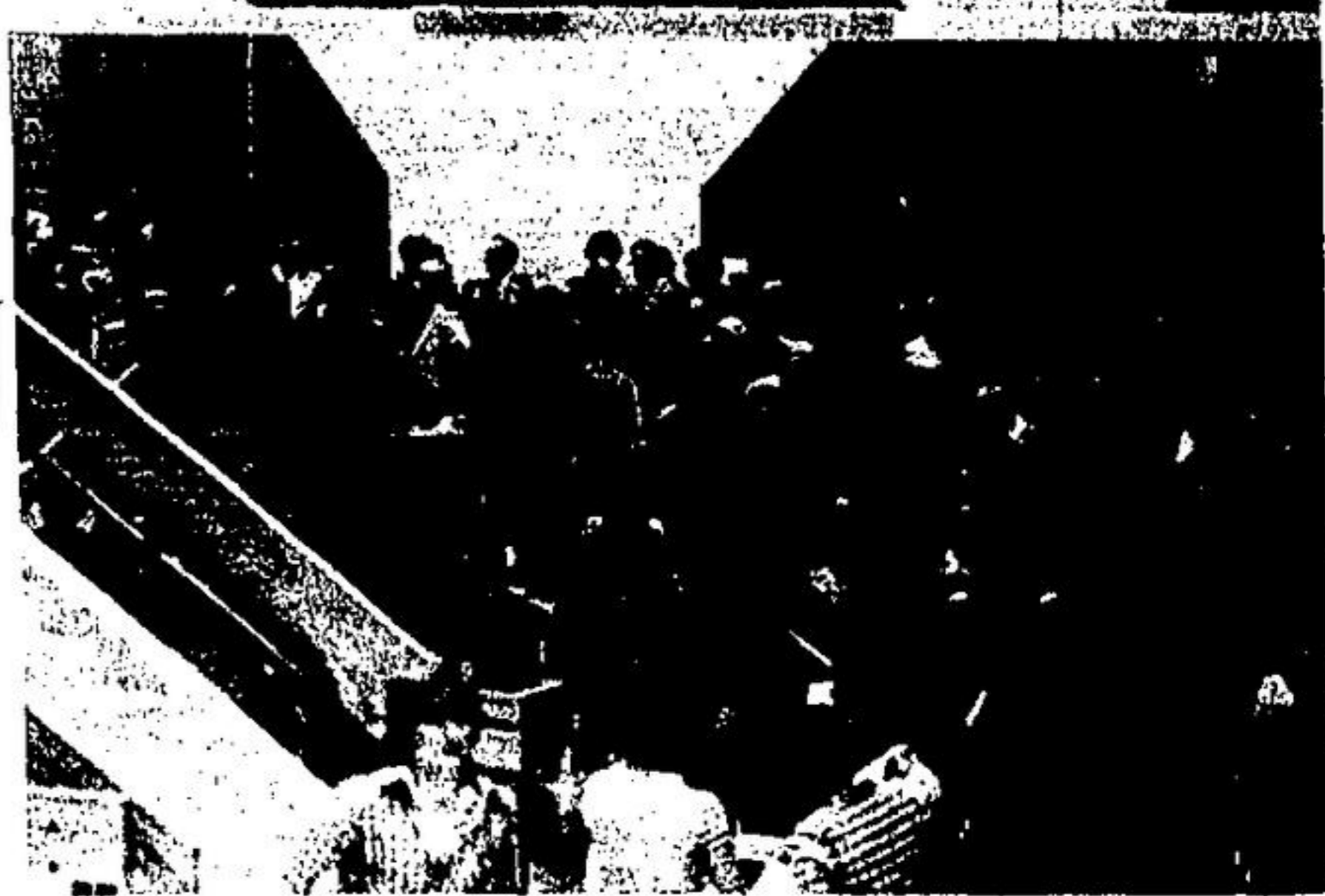
Over 600 thronged into the impressive new cafeteria for the dedication ceremonies and appropriate speeches. After the program, appreciative crowds fanned out throughout the school, where happy students had set up displays and were at work on projects. Much praise was expressed by the visitors.

The school has been in the planning stage for two and a half years, and under construction for 18 months. Its design was greatly influenced by the staff members themselves, working with the architect, Don Blenkhorne. In his welcoming address to the crowd, principal Dean Fink spoke of the 50 years of education since the high school was first housed in its own building, the old stone school, in 1927. He spoke of the changes since then and the tremendous demands on schools. He referred to the

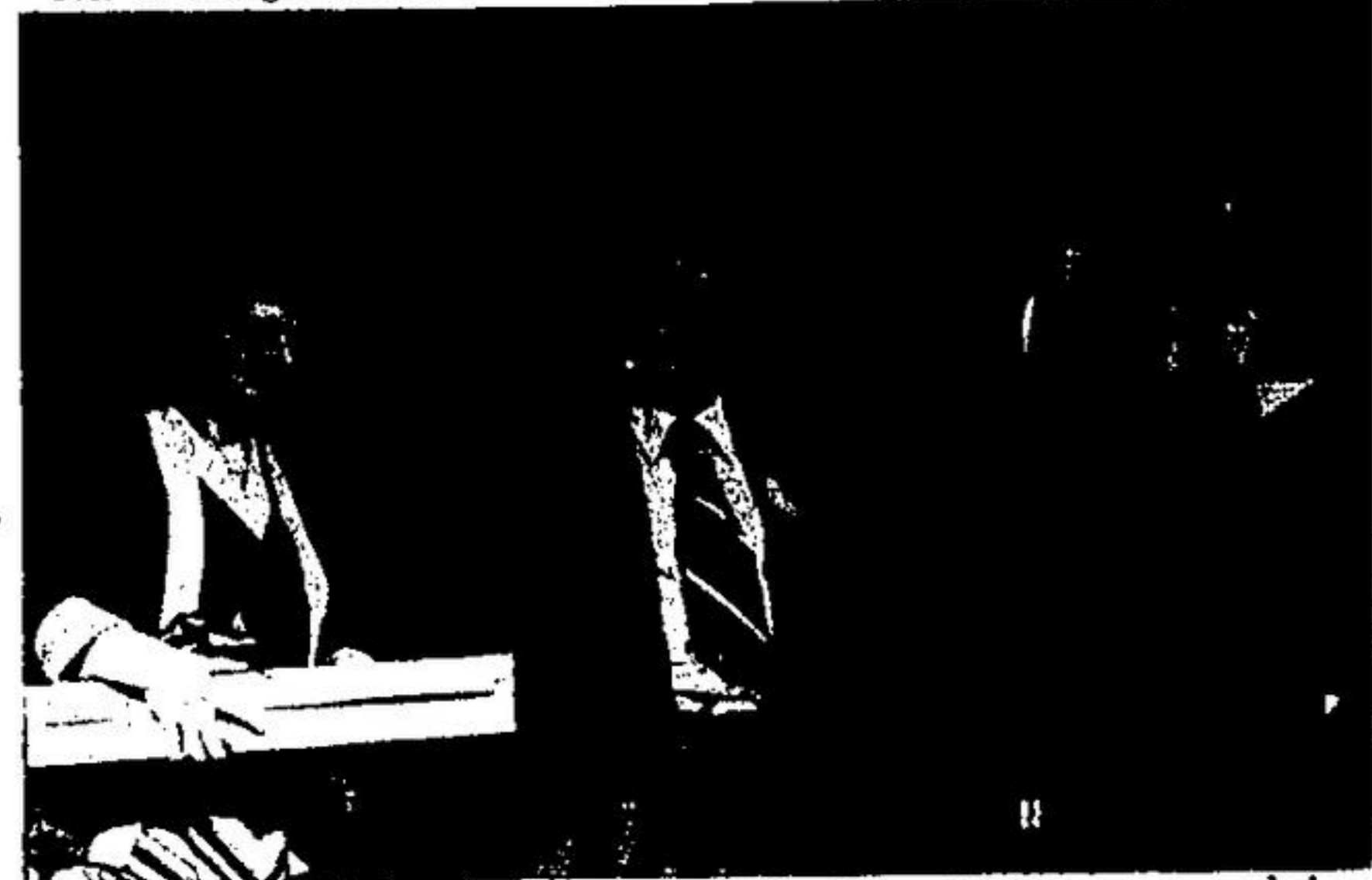
board of education the Rev. Gary Morton told of the excitement and challenge a new school brings, and the importance of its roots and traditions. He said it was a joy to share the happy occasion. The school is unique in being designed by the people who are going to work in it, said director of education Emmerson Lavender, chairman of the board Gary Morton, former trustee Tom Watson, trustee Bert Hinton, Milton trustee Ivan Armstrong, separate school representative John Bradley, superintendent of program Bruce Mather, superintendent of design and construction Reg Irish, former principals Ted Hansen and Dave Katz, the Rev. Chuck Beaton, principal Dean Fink, teacher Roy McMillan and students Jennifer Rowe and Susan Mellor. Chairman of the Halton

presented with an engraved plaque from the staff and students. It cites his role in the creation of the new high school. Principal Fink spoke of his significant accomplishments, and said this school is perhaps his greatest. He hoped the plaque would find a place in their home in Nova Scotia, so the Watsons would remember their friends at the school each time they saw it. Ken Ellis presented flowers to Rene Watson and Mr. Fink spoke of her years of support for Tom, her unfailing good humor and her work as a volunteer in the resource centre. Taken by surprise, Mr. Watson said it had been his pleasure to act as trustee for 27 years. It has been a great group of teachers, administration and trustees, he said.

A standing ovation and lengthy applause followed. Mr. Watson pressed for a new school for Acton as a member of the board. Architect Don Blenkhorne presented the school key formally to Bruce Mather, superintendent of program, who passed it on to the principal. Mr. Blenkhorne said the building of the school had been an enjoyable two and a half year period. The



HAPPY CROWDS filled the new Acton school after its ceremonial opening on Tuesday night.



SURPRISE PRESENTATIONS to Rene and Tom Watson were made by principal Dean Fink. Rene has flowers; Tom is given a plaque from staff and students in appreciation of his work in obtaining the new school for Acton. He's the former board of education member.

At school opening

Optimism is keynote for the Hon. Tom Wells

This school is only bricks and mortar, but its traditions will go on and be even greater, the Hon. Tom Wells, Minister of Education, told about 600 people in the school cafeteria Tuesday night. He spoke of the educational system here 50 or 60 years ago. This new school is the continuation of a number of schools.

A hundred years ago when a new school was built, by the people themselves, its opening would be a cause for rejoicing. Half a century ago a textbook would cost 16 cents. A male teacher would receive \$2,500 a year, a female teacher \$1,250.

"We've progressed a lot since then!" Then, as now, we think the preparation of our young people so important we are willing to pay much for schools and for teachers.

The school prepares people as well as possible for their future in this democratic system; not just for a job, for university, to be happy or to learn to live together. It is all those things together.

Young people will have to be prepared to cope with tremendous change. As well as the basics, they must learn a lot more. They will learn about this country, its values and history. They will develop a sense of self worth; learn to work together, learn eternal values.

Speaking of criticism - most of it unjustified - he urged more optimism. We have a first rate educational system in this county and you are to be congratulated.

The future belongs to the young people. They will be the citizens of the future and I am confident to put my faith in them. They will build a greater and humane Canada.

He was introduced by past president of the Student Association Jennifer Rowe and thanked by Roy McMillan of the staff.

Mr. Wells lives in Scarborough; was trustee there and on the Metro board, was elected in 1963 and has been Minister Without Portfolio, Minister of Health, Minister of Social and Family Planning and Minister of Education.



THE HON. Tom Wells, Minister of Education, at the podium in the new high school.

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Sunday, December 4, 1977

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Church School and Nursery

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 p.m. - Monthly meeting of ACW

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

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8:00 p.m. - Young People's General Meeting

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. - Finance Committee

7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

8:30 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, December 4, 1977

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Adult Class

11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship and Communion

7:00 p.m. - Evening Fellowship at Landsborough Home

MONDAY

8:00 p.m. - Mission Circle Christmas Meeting at the church

Everyone Welcome

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Sunday, December 4, 1977

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

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