

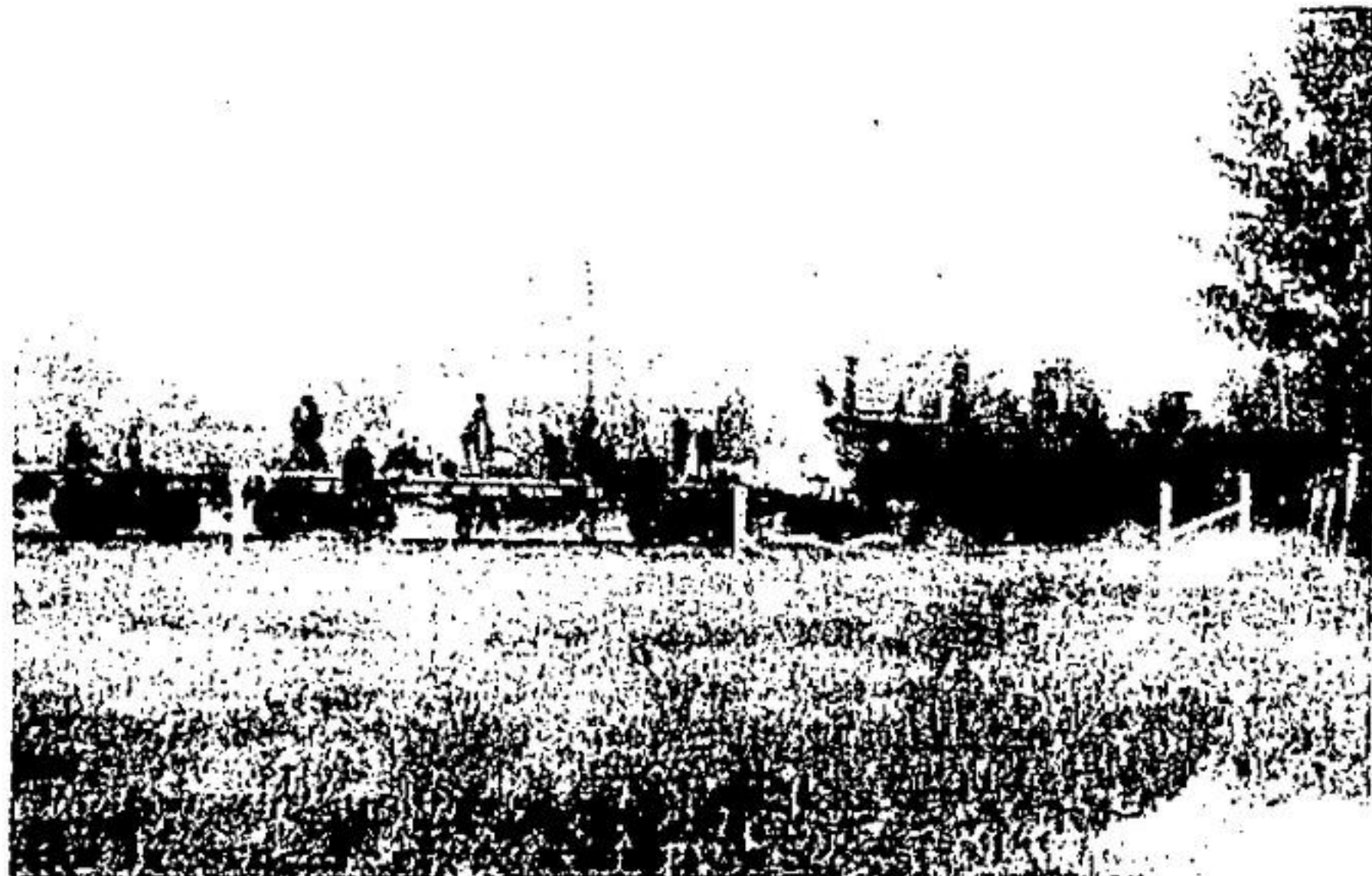


ACTON HIGH SCHOOL - 1955-56

E. A. HANSEN, B. Ed. PRINCIPAL

Old pictures bring back memories

ARE YOU in the picture? It's Acton High School, 1955-1956, with principal E. A. Hansen.



PICTURE OF steam train was taken from Mill St. W. in 1915 or 1916 by Earl Vincent, according to photograph owner Charles Landsborough. The houses in the background are on Lake Avenue.



TORONTO SUBURBAN RAILWAY can be seen in this 62-year-old picture taken from Lake Avenue. Also seen in the photo are Fairy Lake and the water tank which supplied the steam railway.

Our readers write

My own inflation plot

In my "Beat Inflation Garden," I wear out my Sunday jeans. With a bare behind, you might even find, Me working in the beans.

The mosquitoes always find me. And catch me bending there. They like me best, when they can rest. On the little spots, that's bare.

They settle on the place I sit. Then I stand up to scratch. Then off they stomp, down to the swamp. To lay another batch.

I must have fed a million. Through the holes, that's in my jeans. There's lots of me, that they can see. When I am in the beans.

While politicians gad around, And use up all our "Dough" To pay for thrills like hydro bills, I live on things I grow.

From our "Inflation Garden" I have to fill my pot. The inflation squeeze, is my deep freeze, God blessed by garden plot.



MRS. VICTOR SMITH and friend work in the "Beat Inflation Garden" at R.R. 2, Rockwood.

So, when the winter settles in, With heat bills, and things galore, On my little "dough" I take it slow, And live from my bean store.

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Rebounding landscape

by Prof. Ward Chesworth Land Resource
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Load up a canoe and it rides lower in the water than it did before. Unload it, and it bobs up to its former level. This is the way the landscape works. The crust of the earth "floats" on a lower substratum called the mantle. If we could load the crust up, we could make it sink a little. If we then removed the load, the crust would slowly rebound.

Normal human activities don't load up the crust sufficiently for this effect to be noticeable, not even if we were to build a city as large as Toronto or Montreal. But during an ice age, nature itself does the loading in the shape of ice sheets of great thickness that build up and push out from polar regions. Here in southern Ontario, this has happened four times in the last billion years. Each time, an ice sheet of be-

ween one and two miles thick weighed down on the landscape with up to five billion tons for every square mile. It has been estimated that this caused the crust to sink into the mantle by as much as a thousand feet.

Now that the last (or at least the latest) ice sheet has melted away, the load has been removed and the crust has been slowly rising up, by about 10 feet per century. Technically, this process is called "isostatic rebound" and because the southern half of the country was unloaded first, it has had a head start over the northern half having begun its rebound earlier. In the past, this caused the landscape of Canada to tilt to the north. Nowadays, however, the northern regions are catching up. The rebound is still continuing and nobody knows how much bounce is left. There still may be a few hundred feet to go.

Control is the real issue

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services and regional staffers provide it there is some sense

When regional council is legally responsible for water services and regional staffers provide it there is some sense in having regional council make those decisions and allow the people to benefit from the advantages under the proposed system.

But once again the reticence on behalf of the Milton Councillors is based more on the lack of faith in council as opposed to lack of faith in the new administrative system.

Milton Councillors envision complete loss of control and chaos whenever they require services for new development in Milton. They can't imagine colleagues approving expensive work in Milton if the region is sharing the bills. Halton Hills Councillors once shared that view. The change of mind no doubt is due to the situation in Acton.

Just this past week the regional public works committee discussed a proposal that would see the region take control of all of the roads in the region with the exception of provincial highways and roads within the urban service areas (built up areas).

If approved that would be a real boon to the two northern communities because they have the preponderance of rural roads and the smallest base to pay for them.

It would shift the burden of the massive network of rural roads onto the region as a whole. Had that been in place now and had the region done a good job in maintaining those roads the proponents of the scheme would have had a real precedent in good will to point to.

The debate over common water rates is as old as regional government itself. In fact it was one of the first topics on a regional agenda in 1974.

Council is being prompted now by the availability of a \$1,000,000 in provincial grants if the system is converted prior to the end of this year. Many observers of the regional scene claim the

uniform water rates will be a reality some day. It would be more than a little aggravating if council chose to bring in uniform rates after the province removed the carrots.

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Cops get new home

Fergus cops are getting a new shop. The Town of Fergus police subcommittee is starting talks aimed at getting new headquarters for the police.

Fergus council unanimously endorsed the decision to open negotiations with the owner of the building that is under consideration.

That building, currently housing the Chamber of Commerce, will provide 200 more square feet of space than the police office behind the municipal building.

The chamber will continue to use a couple of rooms, and the police the rest of the building.

The subcommittee will try to secure a lease effective the first of next month.



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