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## Campbellville Bank Robbed Cash and Securities Stolen

**Thugs Used Car Stolen in Toronto to Make Getaway—Forced Manager and Teller Behind Safe Door While Loot was Taken—Car Passed Through Lowville at Terrific Speed.**

A quantity of securities and an undetermined amount of cash was taken by three armed robbers who held up the Bank of Nova Scotia branch at Campbellville shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. Reports were that securities and cash might amount to between \$2,000 and \$10,000.

Bank manager, Frank Quinlan, and his teller, Miss Annie Holmes, were ordered to open the combination of the safe, then headed behind the safe door while one thug covered them and others looted the safe.

The bandits overlooked a large amount of bearer bonds in the safe, taking with them securities which would be of value to them and some registered bonds, officials stated.

Reports are that Mr. Quinlan, at first refused to obey the bandits, who donned masks as they entered the office. The armed man then kicked the manager on the back of his trousers. After scooping up the cash leaving behind some silver and copper, the thugs ordered the manager and teller to accompany them to the waiting car, parked a few yards away with the engine running and a fourth bandit behind the wheel.

Up until yesterday officers said they had not traced the car used in the get-away, but had learned license plates used were taken from a Niagara Falls garage over a week ago.

The four bandits raced away after telling Mr. Quinlan and his teller to get back into the bank, threatening them with death if they raised an alarm.

George Coulson, Lowville said the bandit car "just flew" past Coulson's Garage on the Guelph-Line shortly after the hold-up. Police threw a cord around the Lakeshore and Dundas Highway.

"They all had guns pointed at us, and I was scared stiff," Miss Holmes told the Champion, adding there were no customers in the bank at the time. "It seemed like an eternity while they were in the office. After they forced us to go outside they sped south over the mill hill," she stated.

"They got away with securities and cash, but I cannot say how much," said Mr. Quinlan adding they do a large business. "They were a tough-looking crowd," he added.

Late Tuesday night police discounted a report that a car stolen from Bronte, was used by the quartette to make their escape. They added it was a family affair and had no connection with the Campbellville hold-up.

Constable Lemon said they followed the marks of the get-away car, south to Lowville, east one concession where it turned south again to the Dundas Highway where they were lost on the paved road. "They were travelling at such a high rate of speed they nearly ditched themselves on the sharp curves on the Guelph Line before reaching Lowville," Constable Lemon said.

Mr. Quinlan rushed to the home of Robert Early, who lives next door to report to his head office and police. The telephone in the bank had been damaged. The thugs failed to rip the telephone from the wall, but knocked off the mouth-piece which hampered the operation.

After hearing gruff voices and sensing a hold-up was taking place in the bank office at the front of her residence, Miss Kathleen W. Hubbert, inhaled as a result of an accident 22 years ago, attempted to call friends on the local party line, for help.

Miss Hubbert, who also suffers an arthritic condition was sitting in the room when she heard a commotion. While she is able to talk on the telephone she is unable to press the button or ring the bell. She said following the hold-up she picked up the receiver two or three times but no person was talking. "Any other day the line would be so busy you could hardly make a call," she said adding that usually friends would call on her in the afternoon while her sister was out working.

She recalled when the bank first opened in her father's residence, saying it was a great number of years ago. The bank was only open for business two days a week and operated by the staff from the Milton office under the management of the late W. R. Clements. Later it began daily business.

Villagers also recalled the bank was held up nineteen years ago this coming fall, when a sum of money was taken by bandits.

Syl. Apps, captain of the world champion hockey team, the Toronto Maple Leafs, said, "These boys are the cleanest living group of athletes I have ever been associated with."

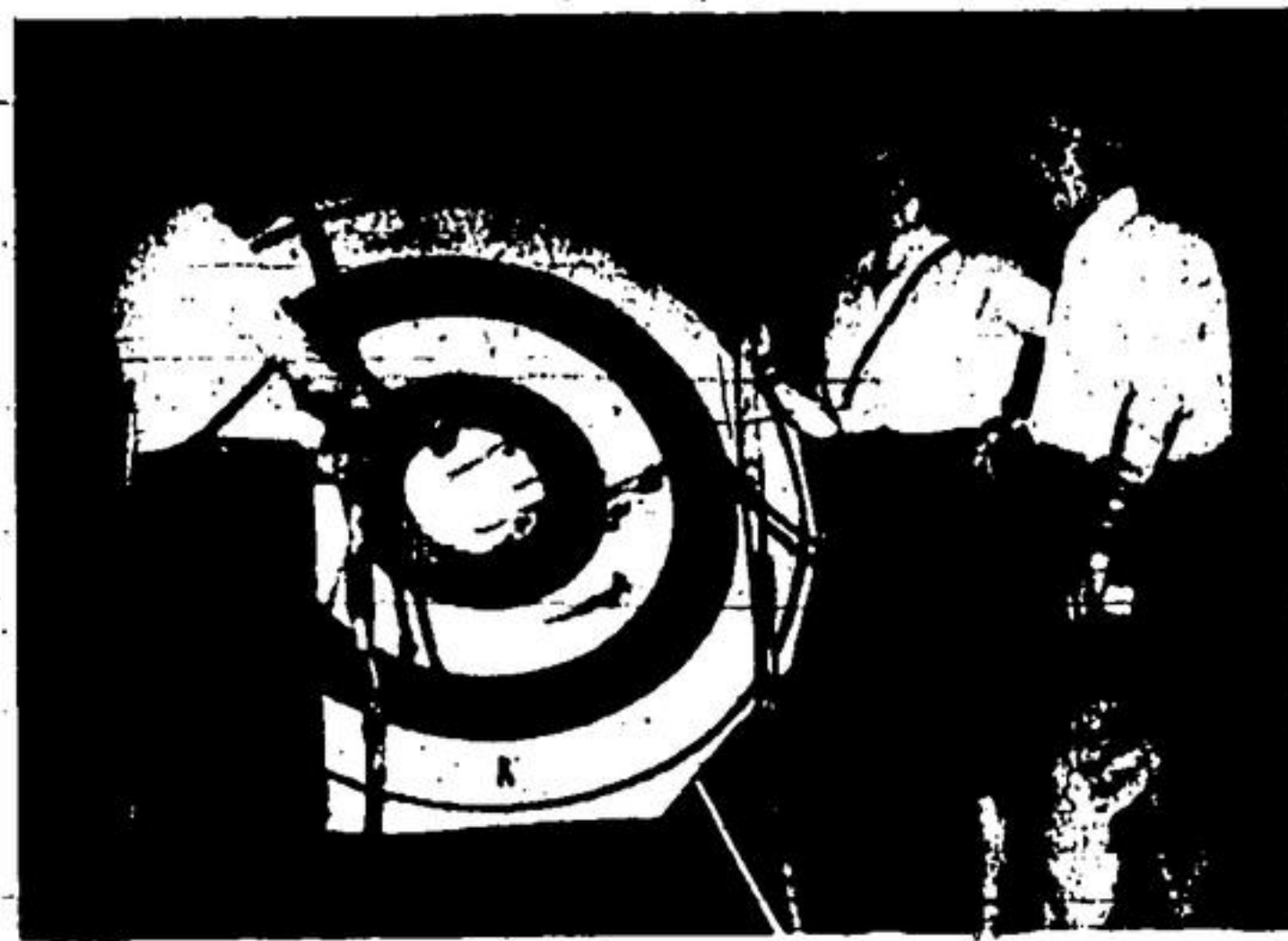
## Demonstration of Archery in Acton Attracted Many

Just by the spectators, there was an awakened interest in an old sport in Acton last Saturday evening. Acton Y.M.C.A. arranged to have Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mitchell of Toronto and Mr. Alf. Long of Acton, give a demonstration of archery. The event was held on the tennis courts.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Long are champions of the sport and gave a splendid demonstration. There was target shooting, some trick shots with balloons and shots which proved the penetrating power of the bow and arrow. All the shooting showed archery can be very accurate.

Mr. Mitchell explained the sport, gave a little of the history connected with archery and told how simple it was to get into the sport, and even make your own equipment. Introductions were made by Johnny Gray.

## Demonstrated Archery for Acton Audience



Above are shown Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mitchell, Toronto and Mr. Alf. Long, Acton, who gave a demonstration of Archery Saturday Evening under Y.M.C.A. auspices. Incidentally Mr. Long scored a perfect end with 4 arrows in the gold. Free Press Photo shows the group around the target on the Tennis Courts.

## Claimed Council Negligent In Making Proper Culvert

### Driver Escapes in Level Crossing Smash Here Friday Night

A truck driven by Donald Palmer was turned completely around when it was hit by the seven fifty-five west-bound train on the C.N.R. crossing on Main Street North last Friday night. The driver escaped with facial injuries only.

Palmer, who was driving his 1934 Chevrolet truck north along Main Street, was proceeding to his home on Scene Street when he stopped to talk to Frank Tott, Jr., just south of the crossing. When he started again, he did not notice the approaching passenger train. His truck was struck on the right rear part of the platform and the right rear wheels. The blow which it received was sufficient to turn the truck completely around and land it on the north side of the track.

Palmer claimed that the reason he did not know of the approach of the train was that the whistle did not blow and he has produced several witnesses to bear him out in this. Estimated damage to the truck was about \$125. Palmer carried collision insurance.

Constable Cecil Gibbons was called to the scene of the accident, and Police Chief E. E. Harrop also investigated.

### MISS JEAN MATHESON HONORED BY GROUPS PRIOR TO MARRIAGE

Miss Jean Matheson, a bride-to-be of this week, has been the guest of honor at several parties during the week. The B.Y.P.U. of Acton, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reid, for a social evening. After their regular meeting, Miss Jean Matheson was presented with a beautiful table lamp.

Mrs. J. Kennedy and Miss Minnie Somerville, Jean's aunts, entertained at a family party, which included a party shower. The Congregational community met at Donald Matheson's old home, and held a miscellaneous shower and the bride and groom received many beautiful gifts.

### THE MIDSUMMER PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED FOR TORNE SCHOOL

From Grade 7 to 8: David Nelles, Grade 6 to 7: Marjorie Warne, Fred Gordon, Joyce Allan, Billy Watkins, Grade 5 to 6: Arlene Gordon, Allan Bowen, Jim Parly.

Grade 4 to 5: Vera Warne, Bob Holmes, Grade 2 to 3: Gordon Holmes, Grade 1 to 2: Gail Dobbie, Sophie Moore.

Congratulations to Betty Allan and Jean Holmes on passing their Torne School Entrance examinations, and on being prize winners in the Halton County Council Essay contest, and to Arlene Gordon on winning the Dublin Women's Institute award for neat work-book in the school.

MRS. PEARL KENNEDY, Teacher

## Option Price Refused for Land to Wartime Housing

### Council Authorizes Expropriation of Land for Street when T. Seynuck Refuses to Accept Money Offered According to Option—Wants Special Fence Around His Property.

Acton Council promptly dealt with another problem in the Wartime Housing plans at a special meeting last Friday evening when Councillors J. H. Creighton, R. M. Aylsworth, C. Cook and Wm. Coon were present and Councillor Creighton was Acting Mayor in the absence of Reeve E. J. McCutcheon.

It appears the problem arose when the Clerk attempted to pay \$320 offered by him in cash to Tony Seynuck for an option on land which he had agreed to sell for a right-of-way to the property purchased from N. J. Duckett. The money offered had been refused by Tony Seynuck and he asked that a high board fence be erected between his property and that of Wartime Housing. This was a matter of course for Wartime Housing.

Council felt however, that the building of these houses could not be delayed by such action and instructed the Clerk to have prepared immediately a by-law to expropriate the strip of land necessary for a street from the extension of Wallace Street.

Another motion was passed authorizing the solicitor to close the purchase from N. J. Duckett for \$2600 provided title was in order with his agreement for right-of-way with T. Seynuck.

An application had been made by Robert Leavens to convert a barn into a dwelling and the by-law did not provide for such conversion. Council refused a permit without proper plan and advised tearing down the present building and using the material for a new structure.

### Fairy Lake Water Not Suitable for Bathing Now

In an effort to keep vigilant watch over the health of the many children and adults who enjoy the bathing at the Park, Chief Harrop has been sending samples of the water regularly to the Department of Health for analysis.

The latest test classifies the water in D class, which is recognized as not suitable for bathing. Consequently the Chief has issued instructions that bathing in Fairy Lake is prohibited for the remainder of the season. Parents would do well to heed this warning and refuse to allow the children to bathe here until such time as the water is declared fit.

### WOOL COMBING AND UNION AGREE TO WAGE ADJUSTMENT

Employees of the Wool Combing Corporation, Acton, Ontario, have agreed to a wage increase of five cents an hour to cover higher costs of living. Jack Robinson, district director of the Textile Workers Union of America (C.I.O.), said this week.

Mr. Robinson said that this increase, retroactive to June 16, is the second received by employees of the Acton plant within the past twelve months and that the present wage schedule will again be subject to negotiation at the end of the year.

"The wage increase," stated Mr. Robinson, "follows a pattern established in negotiations between our union and plants of the Monarch Knitting Company at St. Catharines, Burlington and St. Thomas where increases averaging five cents an hour were granted a week ago."

## Induction Service For New Minister Acton United Church

The induction service for Rev. Louis Pickering as minister of Acton United Church was held on Friday evening when a large congregation attended. Rev. G. W. Porter, chairman of Halton Presbytery was in charge of the service.

The address to the minister was given by Rev. Simon Edwards and Rev. O. R. Findall, addressed the congregation. The induction ceremony was conducted by Rev. G. W. Porter of Milton.

Following the induction service a delightful social time was spent by all present when the ladies of the congregation served lunch and an opportunity was given Mr. and Mrs. Pickering to meet friends in the new charge.

There were brief addresses of welcome from Rev. W. H. Wallace, Rev. John Anderson of Knox Church, Rev. John Ward of Rockwood, Mr. J. A. Anderson of Oakville and Mr. R. F. Bean of Acton. Rev. Mr. Pickering spoke briefly.

## ACTON BOYS' and GIRLS' BAND--WINNERS WATERLOO CONTEST 1947



Acton Boys' and Girls' Band under the leadership of Mr. C. W. Mason captured first place in the Waterloo Music Festival for 1947 and were the subject of much favorable comment by visitors at the Tattoo and are the pride of Acton and district. The boys and girls are all residents of Acton or the immediate district and have all been

trained by Mr. Mason. It is regretted that George Elliott, who contributed so much to the success of the band with his solo cornet work was not present when this photograph was taken last week in Acton Park. —Free Press Photo

### Clarence Wilson Asks Repatriation in Two Weeks on Ten Year Old Trouble—Extra Help for Children's Aid Work—Employees and Councillors to Hold Picnic This Month.

Mr. Clarence Wilson, Brockwood, R. 2, gave Halton County Council two weeks to start work on a galvanized pipe culvert at the corner of his farm. The pipe is too high and dumps water in the ditch to such an extent that it backs up over his property. His cattle have been wading knee deep through water to get to pasture and there is still water there that would have been drained away had the culvert been lower.

He told Council that the matter had been brought to their attention several times in the past ten years but nothing had been done. Last year the Warden along with the road superintendent and members of the road committee inspected the culvert and Mr. Smith, the road engineer was instructed to make the necessary changes, but neglected to do so.

A resolution was passed to forward to the Federal member of Halton County that owing to one of the worst spring crop failures in Halton County for many years, this council would ask that our Federal member make strong representation to the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, asking the Federal Government to continue the subsidy on all western grains shipped to Eastern Canada for at least another year.

Council concurred with a resolution from Simcoe County that we petition the Department of Health to give more consideration to the erection of more hospitals for incurables in the Province as there was over-crowding and long waiting lists.

Authority was given to the Children's Aid Society to have extra help in view of the fact that the work has increased greatly in the last few years. Mr. Wm. Dennis, clerk, was instructed to notify the municipalities re the taking over of the County Health Unit.

Resignation of V. F. Hall as guard at the Milton Jail was accepted and he was hired as care-taker of the County buildings and grounds.

A grant of \$150 was made to the Halton Plowman's Association, and a grant to the Milton and District Memorial Committee was refused.

Council renewed fire insurance with the Prudential Company to be handled through their representatives in Milton.

Finances passed were: Reforestation, \$102.00; County Roads, \$12,455.75; Printing, \$193.70; School Health, \$4,800; County Buildings, \$411.88; Hospital Accounts, \$608.80; Finance, \$2,439.56.

Plans were made for a County Picnic for employees and councillors to be held at Crawford's Lake on July 30th.

## Rachlin's Win From Baxter's the League Leaders

The Rachlin entry in the Softball League made a turnover in the standing on Monday night when they faced the league leaders, Baxter's by 17-3. Strengthened by a few players from Roundabouts, Cookie's cronies were driving balls over the outfielder's noggin like the opposition was wont to do with them on other occasions.

Norton, the laboratory slanter was the target of the Bunkhouse attack and what an attack it was. "Cookie" who incidently was wandering around with the widest grin ever mouthed this season, was directing the attack like Wellington at Waterloo. The Baxter club were stunned by the enormous amount of runs chalked up against them and every trip to the plate banged long flies to the eager paws of the Bunkhouse outfield, who were pulling them in as they came out.

Masters was the only huzler employed by Rachlin's and few hits were chalked up on him. Some dissatisfaction was shown by the hecklers toward the decisions of the two umpires and a growl of disapproval met one decision at the plate.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per announcement of 50 words.

Garden Party at Ospringe under the auspices of the Ospringe Women's Institute and Ladies Aid will be held at Mr. Alvin Fisher's Farm on Monday, July 14th, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Excellent program by Wm. T. Davies Concert Co. Admission, Adults 40c, Children 20c.