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TRAFFIC REVISIONS ARE APPROVED

Company Is Formed By Snowplow Inventors

Two snow-plows, both invented by residents of Halton County, are in production in shops at Hornby and Campbellville. The two inventors are Gordon W. Bridgen of Hornby and Leslie Lowe of Campbellville, who have each designed specialized snow plows, one for plowing township and country roads and the other for town and city street work. The plow developed by Mr. Lowe, called the Whirlwind Snow Loader, was used by Mansell Nellis of Acton for demonstration leading in Acton, Georgetown, Oakville, Preston, Waterloo, Elmira, Fergus, and other centres last year.

The Halton Manufacturing Co. Ltd. has been formed by the inventors to produce and sell the two snow plows. Mr. Bridgen is president of the firm, Mr. Lowe the vice-president and William Wynn Dunbar the secretary-treasurer. The firm started operation last October 2nd and all the members are practical machinists. Mr. Bridgen, a native of Hornby, operated a garage there from 1929 until two years ago when he opened a machine shop. After working in Guelph and Brantford, the other partner, Mr. Lowe, opened a welding and machine shop in Campbellville in 1943. Three years ago he took Mr. Dunbar into partnership. These two shops will continue to operate in the same locations under the management of the Halton Manufacturing Company Limited. Completed snow plows as well as spare parts will be made there.

Both plows have patents pending. The better known of the two plows is the rotary Whirlwind Snow Loader, one of which has been sold to the city of Waterloo. When one of these operated by Mansell Nellis in several towns and cities last winter, those who watched were surprised by the speed and efficiency of the machine. Plans had been made to operate the loader in Milton, but lack of snow prevented the demonstration.

This snow loader consists of a compact unit, 7 1/2 feet long, 3 feet wide and 9 1/2 feet high, which is mounted on the front of a regular truck. One of the advantages of this plow is the fact that the truck can be used for other work during other than snow seasons. All steel, the unit weighs 2700 pounds and is powered by a 110 h.p. V8 motor.

The almost semi-circular hood which deposits the snow over the sidewalk or into waiting trucks is collapsible and can revolve.

The average loading capacity of this plow is a truck load of snow a minute. Actually the operation has been timed at less than this. Even the average claim shows remarkable efficiency.

The second plow, that invented by Mr. Bridgen of Hornby, is called the Cylinder Snowfly and is used for plowing township and county roads, farm lanes, etc. It forces the snow up and out to the sides.

The Snowfly, which will also be mounted on a truck or tractor, was first tried out last winter. Mr. Bridgen constructed a small unit and operated it satisfactorily with a farm tractor.

The completed plow was six feet long driven from a power take-off and had the ability to throw the snow in both directions a distance of 40 or 50 feet. A larger unit is now being tried out and so far results have proven very satisfactory.

Agar's Coal Sheds Take Fire Monday

Believing that a fire which was reported last Monday about 8 p.m. was in Agar's office at the corner of Main and Mill Sts., the fire dept. gained access there only to find the fire was at Agar's coal sheds across the tracks on the corner of Mill and Yonge Sts.

The alarm was given by Mr. Lorraine Hargrave. The fire department rushed to the office, found no fire there and then, with the hose along across the tracks, proceeded to the coal shed. Spectators there had put snow on the fire while awaiting the arrival of the fire department.

Many took advantage of the holiday to follow the truck, with some watching at the office and others at the coal sheds.

MARION MacGIBBON WED TO DONALD ROSS, ACTON IN LOVELY YULE SERVICE

Kembourne Park United Church was decorated with Christmas flowers for the Yuletide wedding on December 23rd of Marion Isabel MacGibbon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacGibbon, Montreal and Donald Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ross, Kinross Farm, Acton. Rev. Puc-Gilchrist officiated.

The organist played Christmas music before the ceremony and during the signing of the register. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory slipper satin. Her fingertip veil was of tulle illusion and she carried a bouquet of white mums and lily.

Mrs. Barbara Kevell and Misses Mary Carmichael, Ann Green of Montreal and Eleanor Ross, sister of the groom, were in attendance. They wore green silk velvet dresses and carried white fur muffs, trimmed with ermine tails and wore matching headresses and mittens. Mr. Bill Howard of Toronto was best man. The ushers were Thomson Corner, Edward Kappke and Garth Derrich, all of Toronto.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at "The Towers", St. George St., Toronto. Assisting the bride party to receive the guests was the bride's mother, atired in mink shade crepe with a corsage of red roses and lily of the valley. Mrs. Ross, mother of the groom, wore dove blue and a corsage of red roses and lily of the valley.

SATURDAY MORNING THEFT NORTH OF GLEN WILLIAMS. NETS APPROXIMATELY \$2,000

Approximately \$2,000 was stolen from a garage owned by the Industrial Sand and Gravel Co. on the ninth line, about a mile and a half north of Glen Williams, on Saturday morning, December 30.

The thief or thieves evidently sprang the door of the garage. The provincial police are investigating the robbery.

Fine Entertainment At Dublin Concert

Dublin school's annual Christmas concert was voted "the best ever" by parents and friends who attended the festivities on December 22nd.

The children, under the direction of their teacher, Mr. John Butler, presented a varied and interesting entertainment. Mr. Charles Cutts was his own inimitable self as M.C. for the following program.

"O Canada" was followed by the singing of Christmas carols by the children and audience. A musical play, "We Three Kings" was beautifully effective with the only light, the glowing star shedding its radiance over the children. "Babe in the Manger" and a little French song by Pierrette and Denise Bideley and Marilyn Rognavaldson were well received by an attentive audience.

Mr. Butler and Allan McLean delighted their audience with their spirited piano duets. Barbara Mac shall recited "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and Mr. and Mrs. A. McLean entertained with old time music. This was followed by little Johnny O'Rourke dancing.

Jacqueline and Grant Surbey entertained with vocal duets. A musical comedy, "Jim the Carter's Lad" was hilarious and had an entertaining finale. Melba Williamson played two piano solos which were very pleasing. A play entitled, "Teaching the Teacher" was another happy episode and the closing musical comedy, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" was complete to the last detail, and had the audience completely helpless with laughter before its conclusion.

Dr. Oakes Named Chairman of Board

The inaugural meeting of the Public School Board was held at 7:30 p.m. at the Public School on Tuesday night. The full Board of Trustees were present. The secretary, acting as chairman, requested nominations from the group for chairman for 1951.

Ex-chairman Oakes was unanimous choice and was duly declared chairman for the ensuing year. He was requested to take the chair. Committees were appointed as follows:

Finance—J. H. Creighton, T. G. Jones.
Property—C. Heard and T. E. Watson.
Supply—J. W. Wolfe and F. G. Oakes.

The secretary was directed to write council in connection with its splendid co-operation in support of the new school.

The chairman reported receipt of \$40 non-resident fees. The secretary reported on his visit to the Municipal Board when approval was given for the new school. He also advised that the Municipal Board desired a list of those who presented tenders, also prices submitted and name of firm whose tender was accepted.

Mr. Mann was offered continued engagement at salary of \$2000. The secretary-treasurer was re-elected at salary of \$500.

The first Tuesday of each month was established as the regular meeting date, the time at 7:30 p.m. the place the school.

The finance statement of \$753.18 was presented and payment was authorized. The secretary was directed to assess the N.H.S.D. Board \$441.35 for December plant operation.

1951 LICENCE PLATES WENT ON SALE TUESDAY. EDITOR GIVEN FIRST ISSUE

The new 1951 licence plates went on sale in Acton Tuesday morning at J. K. Gardner's office on Mill St. Although several wanted to obtain their plates earlier, the first one was sold on Tuesday morning to G. A. Dilla, who has had the first plate sold in town ever since they were issued in Acton. His number for this year is 88751. Roy Goodwin was sold the second plate. The licensees have blue lettering on a white background.

Again this year there is no crown on the plate. A new feature is the way the date is written. "19" appears on one side of "Ontario" and "51" on the other.

Township Council Adopt Assessment

Erin Township Council met in Hillsburgh on Dec. 18th. Members were all present and Reeve Goldwin Burt presided.

A by-law was introduced and passed for the purpose of adopting the Assessment Roll as revised for the year 1951.

The following resolutions were passed: Council appointed James M. Leitch as trustee to represent Erin Township on the Board of the Erin High School District.

Engaged the Bates Construction Co. for snow plowing for the winter of 1950-51 at per contract with the County of Wellington.

The treasurer was authorized to make any necessary adjustments of receipts and charges between the Township and the Police Village of Hillsburgh and Orton. Interest receipts and interest payments between the Township and the Telephone Commission are also to pay any Township accounts that may be presented on or before December 31st, 1950.

Committees Named At Inaugural Meeting 1951

At the inaugural session of Acton Council for 1951 Mayor E. Tyler, Reeve J. Hargrave, Deputy Reeve J. Stewart and Councillors A. Fryer, L. Wiecek, R. Thompson, J. Greer, C. E. Wood and Esther Taylor took the oath of office before Clerk McGeechie and assumed their seats at the council table.

Mayor Tyler welcomed the members of council to the conduct of municipal affairs for 1951.

Announce Winners Of Athletic Meet

During the week of special activities at Acton Y, several classes of athletic competitions were scheduled. The winners of the different events are as follows:

Boys' Athletic Meet, Class "A": Bill McHugh 1764 points, Bill Skilling 1017; Brian Thorarinnson 791.
Class "B": Emmerson Baxter 1354 points; Peter Hurst 1334; Ron Sheppard 1311.
Class "C": Michael Hurst 783 points.
Girls' Athletic Meet, Class "A": Kathleen McCristall 1376 points; Barbara Anderson 1234; Joan Chisholm 1176.

Class "B": Chyril Morton 1732 points; Marilyn Sligsworth 1278; Elaine Rachlin 1042.
Class "C": Betty Bean 1013 points; Patsy Smethurst 811.

TORONTO CHURCH SCENE OF CHURCHILL-MacMURCHY NUPTIALS ON SAT., DEC. 23RD

In a Christmas setting of evergreens and white candles in Bedford Park United Church, Dec. 23, Jean Isabel MacMurechy, daughter of Mrs. MacMurechy and the late Dr. John A. McMurechy, formerly of Acton, became the bride of Jack Raymond Churchill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dennison Churchill.

Christmas Parties, Gym Competitions Bowling Topped By Bean Feed At The Y

Separate Christmas parties were organized by the prep and madge groups at Acton Y on the Saturday before Christmas. Games and card singing were featured and all exchanged gifts.

First OMHA Game Double Header Fri.

At a meeting in Elmira last Thursday night the schedule for O.M.H.A. hockey games was drawn up by representatives of the different clubs entered. The first game of the series is scheduled to be played in Acton this Friday, January 5th. Due to the mild weather, this game may have to be postponed.

It is to be a double header with Elmira and Acton Juniors and Elmira and Acton Midgets playing.

The following is the full schedule for the team games:

Acton	Elmira	Elora	Fergus	Hespeler
January 5	Elmira at Acton			
January 8	Hespeler at Acton			
January 12	Fergus at Acton			
January 17	Acton at Elora			
January 22	Acton at Elmira			
January 27	Acton at Fergus			
February 1	Elora at Acton			

Fire Guts Home On New Year's Morn

By Oshpize Correspondent
Fire completely gutted the farm home of Mr. Wm. Chapman, 181 line of Erin, on New Year's morning. A neighbor, Mr. Fred Scott, was travelling along the road, and noticed smoke pouring from the building, where the back kitchen and also the main house were all ablaze.

He awakened Mr. Chapman and his housekeeper, Mrs. Mae Smith, who had barely time to escape in their flight—Mr. Chapman attempted to go back into the hall, and suffered bad head burns which required medical attention.

Neighbours soon gathered but were powerless to salvage much. A sewing machine and some blankets close to the door were the only items pulled out.

The farm, situated below the highway, is better known as the William Robinson place.

New Year's Service At Knox Church

An impressive nighttime service was held on Sunday evening in Knox Church, beginning at half-past eleven. After a New Year's hymn had been sung, Kenneth Mann read from the fourth chapter of Proverbs which was followed by prayer by Mr. M. Coles.

The theme "But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" was very fittingly dealt with by Mrs. H. Manprize. Corresponding poems, "Looking Upward" and "Step by Step" were read by Miss Isabel Anderson and Mrs. Howard Coles. Two fine solos "Some day He'll make it plain to me" and "The light of the world is Jesus" were sung by Mr. Alex Mann and Mr. George Muscell.

At midnight a two-minute period of silent prayer was observed, concluded with a reading "The call of the church" by Mrs. E. J. Hassard. Lord Tennyson's well-loved poem "Ring out wild bells" was read by Mrs. Alex Mann, who was also the accompanist throughout the service. The singing of a hymn and prayer by Rev. R. H. Armstrong brought the devotions to a close, after which a short period of fellowship was enjoyed while partaking of the dainty lunch arranged by Miss Inez McLellan.

Hit, Miss Contest Winners Named

Results are announced for the hit and miss gym competition for regular class teams in sports and athletics at Acton Y. These competitions are held from November 1 to January 23.

Named is the first, second and third winner in each class:

Boys	Wayne Ridley 34
Girls	Don Lindsay 32; Stuart McDonald 25.
Girls—Ann Deforest, Mary Hunter tied, 48 points; Grace Clow 47; Teresa Arbie 43.	
Midgets	Boy—Don Wilds 67; Girl—Emmerson, Michael Hurst tied, 47; Bob Armstrong 44.
Girls	Dorothy Dawkins, 101; points; Marjorie Ware 83; Elaine Deforest 77.
Junior Boys	—Jon Janv 42; points; John Cunningham 44; Hewitt Sims 42.
Girls	Peggy Oakes 73; points; Cheryl Morton 69; Kathleen McCristall 66.

Keen competition prevailed throughout and another similar program will get underway promptly.

Municipal Statistics For Year 1950 Reach New High For Assessment, Taxes

Several all-time highs have been reached in the municipal statistics for 1950. The amount of assessment for land available for industry, 0.569 per cent; vacant land available for commercial purposes, 0.607 per cent; water consumption, 10.5 million gallons over 1949.

The total assessment was \$2,124,171, an increase of \$100,000 over last year. Taxes collected amounted to \$73,551.38. Both figures are the highest ever recorded for the town.

GENUINE ANTIQUES

In an antique shop in Maine, I spotted a pair of early American portraits and questioned the proprietor about them.

Birth, marriage and death statistics show nothing exceptional

There were 44 births registered and 22 deaths. The number of marriages licensed was 17. The figures of Assessor, Crump show that 66 building permits were issued last year to the value of \$105,125. Nine new homes were built and two conversions were made. Total population for Acton was 3030.