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GARAGEMEN REQUEST SECOND BY-LAW



FIVE FIFTY YEAR members is the boast of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.L., Acton, and the brethren shown here range in age from 74 to 90. John Kenney, centre, now a resident of Guelph, has his sixtieth year jewel and still attends meetings of the Acton lodge. Pictured left to right are Very Wor. Bro. Frank McIntosh, 74; Wor. Bro. Thurvell Brown, 79; Very Wor. Bro. John Kenney, 90; Wor. Bro. Wm. Cooper, 80; and Very Wor. Bro. J. B. Chalmers, 84. —Photo by E. Taylor

Historical Storm Record Clean-up

Acton and district got its full share of the big history-breaking November snowstorm this week and while the going was heavy yesterday morning, there were no traffic tie-ups and by evening, the big snow had been widely scattered. Acton had prepared for winter and many felt the preparation and expenditure was premature. But you never can forecast Canadian winter.

Snow plow, grader and the newly delivered snow loader, went to work and by late evening, most of Acton streets were back to normal and traffic was having no difficulty. Centre of interest was of course, the new snow loader and some feel that streets in some sections were neglected for snow clearing on the main thoroughfares. Of course it takes time to get accustomed to handling new machinery, but considering the type of packing, slushy snow that was encountered, it would appear that Acton streets would be in far the most prompt and best kept in the town's history.

The snow loader is a product of a Halton Manufacturing Company and its performance is being keenly watched in view of the fact that it is priced within the means of towns such as Acton. It's first test this year certainly was impressive.

Grade Eight Girl Has Poliomyelitis

Stella Lewandowski, of R. R. 1, Acton, was taken to Hamilton General Hospital last Sunday where it is believed she has poliomyelitis. Although there were several cases of polio in or near Acton during the fall, none had been reported for the last few weeks.

The girl is a Grade eight student at Acton Public School.

Honor Lorne Scots At Georgetown

Georgetown town council feted the members of the Lorne Scots band to a turkey banquet and program on Thursday of last week when the members of the band were honored for having won the Canadian National Exhibition trophy three consecutive years, amounting to permanent possession.

The banquet, with all the trimmings, was catered for by the Ladies' Legion Auxiliary and was held in the Georgetown Legion Banquet Hall.

Head table guests included the Mayor and council of Georgetown, Warden K. V. Diek, Brig. Wier, Col. Barber, Col. Cousins, Prof. C. F. Thiele, F. Mook and regimental officers.

Brig Wier reviewed the history of the regiment and the band. Mayor Cleave was toastmaster of the evening and Vince Mumford was master of ceremonies for the entertainment.

Prof Thiele of Waterloo presented a 50 minute color sound reel of movies taken at the last Waterloo Musical Festival.

Col Barber presented eight members of the band with long service medals. Charles Landsborough of Acton received a medal for his 17 years with the Lorne Scots Band.

Among the 40 bandmen and guests were—J. From Acton, Ray Agnew, Norm. Nino and Armand Branda, George Smith, R. Spalding, C. Landsborough, O. Stapleton, George Elliott, Ken Allen and Charles Kingsmill.

Second Closing By-law Submitted By Garagemen

Petitioning Acton garage operators again came before council at their regular meeting last Friday evening and petitioned council to pass a by-law governing the hours of sale for retail gasoline outlets in town. The draft by-law and petition, was submitted by eight retail gasoline outlets signed by their 30 representatives.

Council felt the only change in the by-law passed at their last meeting and this one presented by garage operators, was the elimination of a clause allowing the rendering of a 24 hour service.

Clark McGeehan pointed out that F. Toth had requested a permit to operate a 24 hour service as set out in the by-law submitted by the garage operators. Upon the advice of the town solicitor, the clerk issued the permit.

Council pointed out to A. J. McLean, representing the petitioning garage operators, that their petition did not include a request to repeal the by-law passed two weeks earlier. Mayor Tyler pointed out that the by-law passed at their last meeting had gone into effect.

Councillor Thompson said he felt the Ontario Garage Operators Association would back up the town in any court proceedings that might arise. Solicitor Leatherhead suggested that a letter be sent to that effect.

Council requested more investigation before passing the second by-law in the hope of eliminating the possibility of costly legal expenditure to uphold the by-law, should it be contested.

A letter was directed to the Ontario Municipal Board asking for information on the procedure in connection with the sewerage rental by-law. A meeting was to have been arranged between council and the Municipal Board but no word had been received.

Plans were received from Engineer R. V. Anderson for the water plant at the sewerage disposal plant. Work had been proceeded with but council had not received the estimates from the engineer that they had requested.

C. W. Mason told council of a recent purchase of some property fronting on the line that passes Baxter Laboratories and John Alice St. He asked if this lane could ever be closed and if so asked the grant of a right of way. Council promised to secure more information on the property and consider the request.

Mr. Mason also asked that something be done to fix his driveway. He claimed that three years ago

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Sunday Crash On Icy Pavement

Damage of well over \$1000 was caused on Sunday morning when two cars were in collision at the corner of Young and Queen Streets in Acton. While the occupants of one car were badly shaken and injured, no one was hospitalized.

John Branda, of 103 Lawlor Ave., Toronto, with his three-year old nephew, was coming west on Queen Street. The road was very slippery following the snow storm and his car in rounding the corner, was in collision with that of Mr. Eugene Branda who, with his family and grandchild was returning home from church. Damage to Simple's car, a 1937 Dodge, was estimated at about \$100, but the whole front of Mr. Branda's 1931 Oldsmobile was crushed and broken and damage is estimated at over \$1000. The accident happened about 10:30 Sunday morning.

Most seriously injured was little Linda Branda, who suffered a cut on her head which required a number of stitches to close. Mrs. Branda suffered injuries to her nose and face and all passengers in the car were badly bruised and shaken.

Corporal Mason of the Acton police detachment investigated the accident and it is likely charges will be preferred against Simple who was in it, said, operating the vehicle with only a beginner's permit.

County Board Approves Most Acton Assessments

Most of the assessments were confirmed when the County Assessment Board heard appeals on Acton assessments in the council chambers on Wednesday morning. Errors in some measurements and summary reductions in the total roll only amounted to \$375.00.

Grant Allan had his frontage adjusted to conform with the plan in the registry office and this resulted in a reduction of \$175 on the amount.

Wm. Reivers' lot measurement was confirmed at 83 feet.

K. S. Blow's appeal on \$100 increase was not granted as the altered frontage on his property warranted the increase.

Mrs. Saphia Cyganek felt the assessment on the property on Victoria Street was too high at \$2500. After hearing all the evidence, the assessment was confirmed.

R. I. Gregory was unable to be present to appeal against the assessment on his theatre property. It was claimed his Acton property was assessed at \$18,000 while the theatre property, in Georgetown, which also had apartments and office, was only assessed for \$15,425. The assessment was confirmed.

Mrs. Jany complained of the \$4 increase on assessment from \$5071 to \$5075. The assessment was confirmed.

Earl Lambert felt the assessment on his property should be lowered since it had been erected five years and was entitled to more depreciation. The assessment was confirmed.

John Mellon withdrew his appeal.

Robert E. Sly objected to the principle of raising the assessment \$6 to make all figures on the roll in units of 25 each. Assessor Crump asked a revision on this property since an error had been found by the county assessor and the total amount would bring the property to \$3100. The assessment was confirmed at \$2975.

Mrs. A. Soyyster appealed the \$400 assessment on her property on John Street, which had formerly been assessed at \$1800. Mr. W. D.

Struck By Car In Tuesday's Storm

Marjory Fountain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fountain, Main Street South, sustained multiple fractures when she was struck by a station wagon early Tuesday evening. Driver of the station wagon was E. Quackon-bush of 60 Cambridge St., Guelph.

The accident occurred just after Miss Fountain had alighted from a car driven by Pat Waldie. It is believed she went around the front of the car into the path of the station wagon, the driver of which was apparently unable to avoid the collision during the weather conditions. Visibility was very bad for both Miss Fountain and the driver of the car owing to the heavy snowstorm. The accident happened at the driveway at her home.

Miss Fountain was taken to Guelph General Hospital where examination showed she was suffering a broken right collarbone, a fractured rib, a transverse fracture through the sacrum and a fracture of the pelvis on the left side. She will be confined to the hospital for some weeks.

Constable Wylie of the Acton police detachment investigated the accident.

Children's Leaders Gather In Guelph

Guelph Presbyterian W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada held a conference for leaders in the children's department on Saturday, November 3 at the home of Miss Phyllis Hugginbottom.

Mr. Jack Dredge, R. R. 1, Acton Presbyterian Secretary and Mrs. H. Mainprize of Acton, Synodical Secretary of the Children's Department, assisted in the informal discussions.

Leaders were present from Guelph, Galt, Preston, Pysinich and Acton.

Those attending from Acton were Mrs. R. H. Armstrong and Mrs. R. O'Hara.

New Parish Hall Scene Of Tea, Sale

The Ladies' Guild of St. Alban's Anglican Church held a very successful tea and bazaar Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Although the new Parish Hall is as yet unfinished, the sale of work was held there.

There were tables of aprons, miscellaneous sewing, candy, home-baking and country store with preserves, groceries, chickens, etc. A parcel post sale was sold out in fifteen minutes.

Everyday cards and wrapping paper were sold and guesses were made on the number of beans in a jar with a Christmas cake and home permanent as prizes. The fish pond was well patronized by the little folks.

Tea was served in the Rectory to about two hundred people. The rectory's wife, Mrs. Luxton and the president of the Ladies' Guild Mrs. Thomas G. Jones, alternately received the guests and poured tea.

The ladies working at the bazaar were Mrs. H. Jolley, Mrs. L. Tassell, Mrs. Mary Gibbons, Mrs. George Holmes, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. George Hargrave, Mrs. Alice Newton, Mrs. Leo Roach, Mrs. R. Hoare, Mrs. R. Healey, Mrs. Wm. Denny, Mrs. A. Gumble, Mrs. Wm. Mackie, Mrs. Barbara, Mrs. Geo. Fountain, Mrs. Townsend, M. C. S. Sinton and Mrs. H. Dolphin.

In the Rectory, Mrs. V. Braxton sold tea tickets and Love's Flavoring. The ladies working on the tea were Mrs. C. Cook, Mrs. Grace Nelles, Mrs. H. Hinton, Mrs. G. Giddon, Mrs. Frank Oakes, Mrs. Wm. Denny, Mrs. Dubois, Miss Phyllis Mackie, Mrs. Bob Anderson, Mrs. Hugh Graham, Mrs. N. Morton, Mrs. Fred Hunter, Mrs. B. Tennant, Mrs. J. Higgins, Mrs. E. Footitt and Mrs. Wm. Coon. Helen Luxton and Sylvia Jones assisted with the fish pond.

Door prizes on the tea tickets were won by Mrs. J. Graham, Mrs. G. Holmes, Mrs. MacAulay, and Mrs. H. Harris. The estimate on the number of beans in the jar, first prize was won by Mrs. Wm. Coon, second prize by Mrs. Fred Salt.

ACTON TROOP PRESENTS BOOKENDS TO SCOUTMASTER D. DILLS

At last week's regular Boy Scout meeting in the scout hall, a pair of book ends with the scout emblem were presented to Scoutmaster David Dills from the boys of the first Acton troop. Assistant Scoutmaster Doug Davidson made the presentation.

Mr. Dills was married in Toronto on October 20.

Car, Truck Collide, Damage \$1400

Damage estimated at about \$1400 resulted in one of the several district accidents caused by the sudden snowstorm and formation of ice.

Just north of Everton in Erma-Township on Friday, a car driven by Ralph Kurtz, R. R. 1, Acton, came in collision with a truck driven by George Willey of 1949-50. An outstanding student, R. R. 4, Rockwood. Neither of the men was injured.

The Indians were the first to make use of maple sap to make maple sugar, thus founding a great Canadian industry.

OBITUARY

Accident Victim Was Halton Born

Killed in a car accident in New Jersey on October 24, was Mrs. Louis Allen of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, who was born in Nasagaweya Township 47 years ago. The former Beatrice Currie, she had lived 18 years there.

An employee of the Greyhound Park State Hospital, she was driving home when her car was struck by another vehicle whose driver was not even aware of the accident. Somerset county physician said Mrs. Allen was killed instantly.

Surviving, besides her husband and a son, David and daughter, Joan are two sisters, Mrs. George R. Thomas of Campbellville and Mrs. Evelyn Land of St. Catharines; two brothers, James Currie, Toronto and Cecil Currie, Port Arthur.

Funeral service was held in Basking Ridge and interment was in Barnardsville, New Jersey.

Famed Perce Rock off the Gaspe coast is a bird sanctuary.

PLAY AREA CONCERN OF SCHOOL BOARD

Chairman Oakes presided at a full board of trustees of the Acton Public School Board at their regular meeting held in the school on Tuesday, November 6. Minutes of previous meetings were read and adopted and correspondence was read and noted.

The secretary reported that the approved text books eligible for full grant had been all received and that an account of \$945.73 had been presented through the proper channel for payment to the Board by the Department of Education.

It was reported that no damage had been caused to the school property on Halloween night. The Board considered that the three men engaged to protect the property had been directly responsible and their engagement the best possible insurance.

The secretary reported receipt of annual Scout Hall rental, \$62 non-resident fees for the month of October.

The property committee reported that the survey of the new tract of land for playground purpose had been completed and the titles searched. The committee was authorized to secure prices for bulldozing the property and disposing of brush also the cost of levelling the present playground.

The secretary reported that the grant had been paid on 44 per cent basis for 1951 and that the 1952 grant would be on 41 per cent basis as per present regulations.

Principal McKenzie requested that repairs be made to rear entrance door.

Finance statement of \$564.64 was duly passed and the secretary directed to assess N.H.S.D. Board \$282.85 October plant operation.

Sugar has been successfully used as a remedy for sleeping sickness.

YOUNG PEOPLES ATTEND FALL RALLY IN EDEN MILLS NOVEMBER 5

Members of Knox P.Y.P.S. attended the Presbytery Fall Rally which was held in Eden Mills on Monday, November 5. The speaker was Rev. Dean Johnstone, whose talk was thoroughly enjoyed.

The regular meeting on Tuesday, November 6 was cancelled.

The next meeting will be in Guelph. Rev. Ian Burnett is conducting a Preaching Mission and Knox P.Y.P.S. have been invited to attend.

I.O.D.E. Is Told Of Eskimo Customs

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Beatty on Tuesday evening.

It was decided to make a donation to the Canadian Legion Poppy Fund Campaign. The members of the Chapter planned to attend the memorial service at the cemetery and United Church.

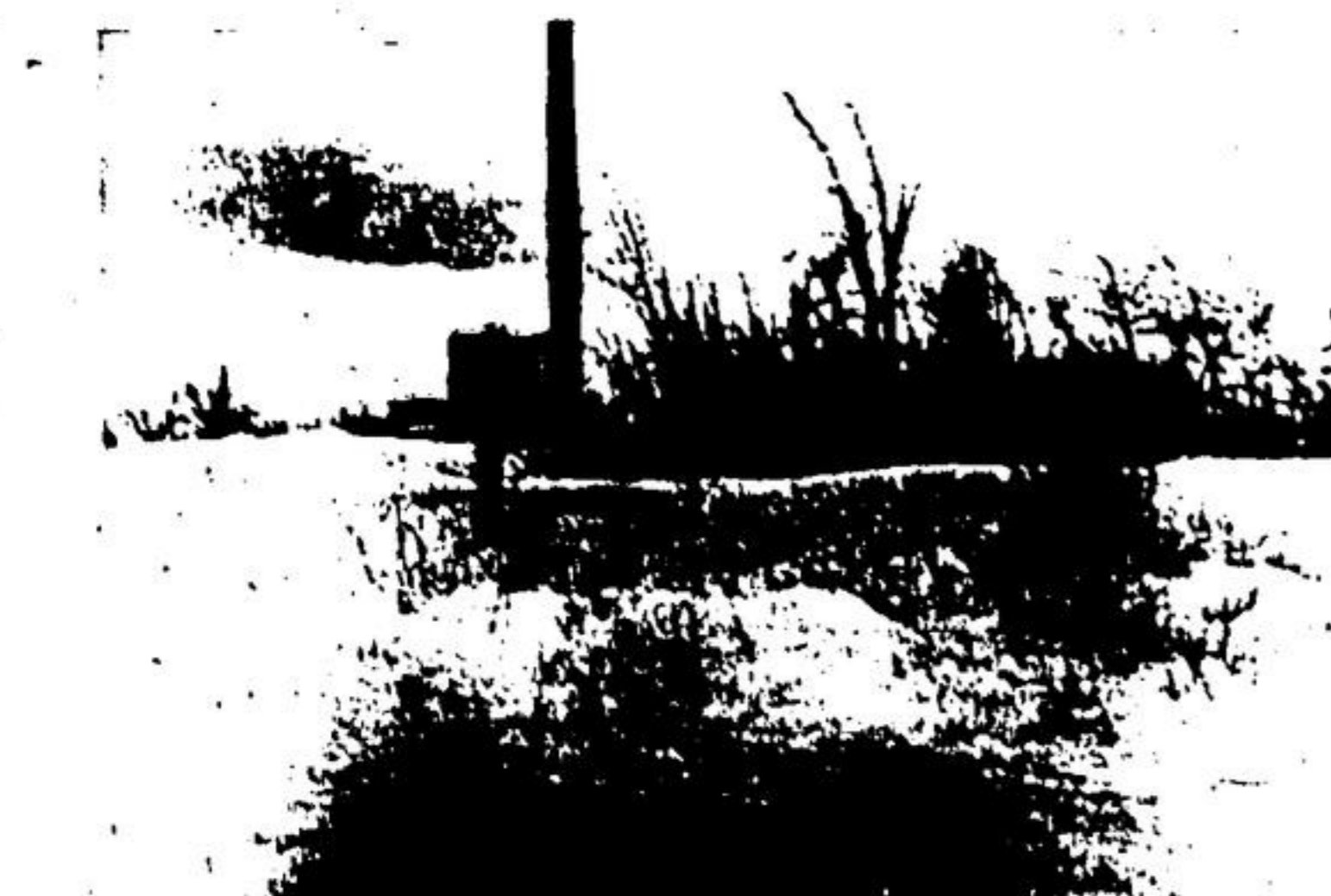
Final arrangements were made for the Robin Hood Cooking School.

Mrs. Leslie Provincial Post War Co-ordinator of Dundas, Ontario, a guest for the evening, was unable to attend due to weather conditions.

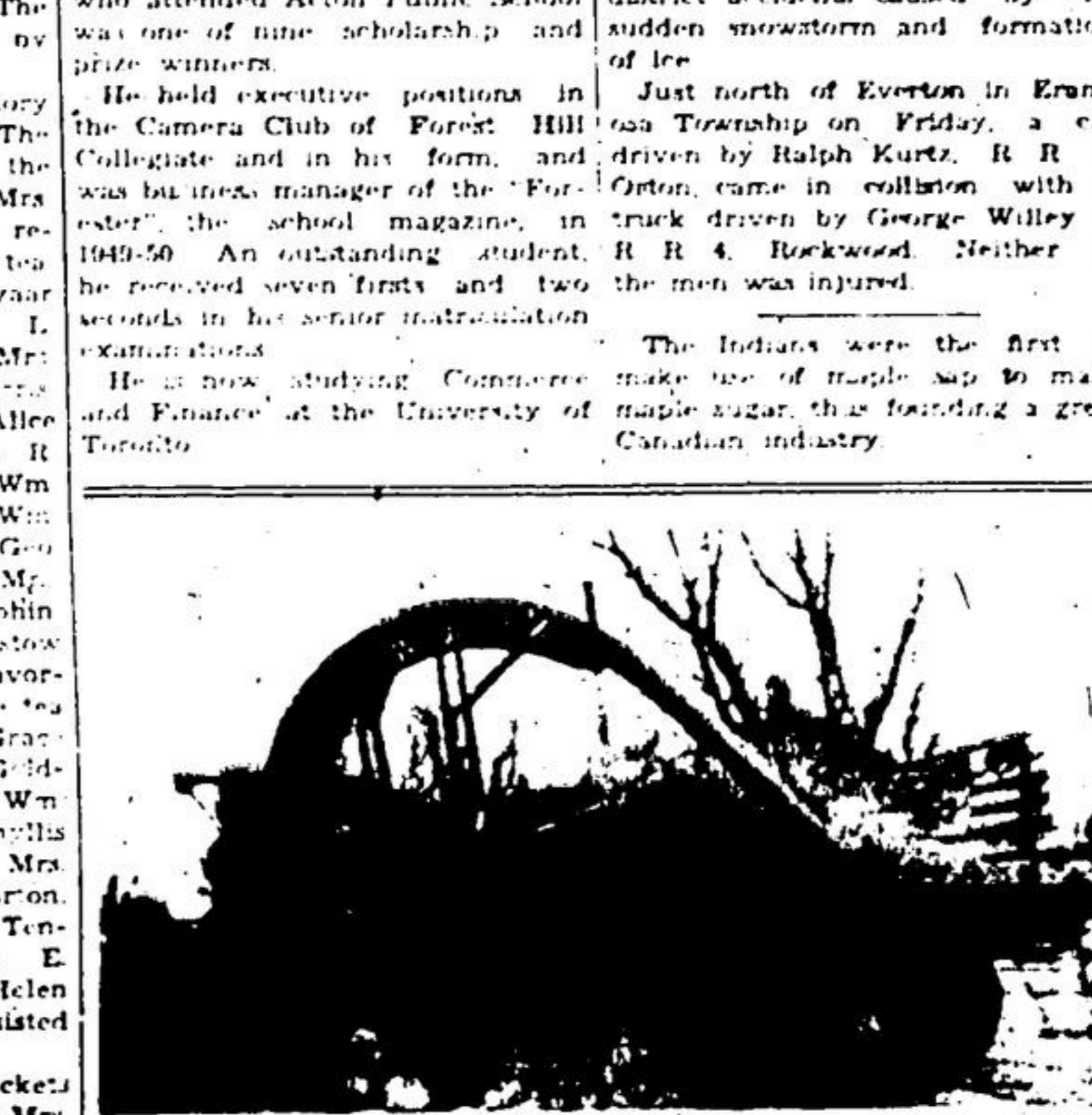
A very interesting talk and display of ivory exhibits, skins and pictures, was given by Const. Clayton Fryer. He spoke of his work in the RCMP and of the life and customs of the natives he lived with at Pond Inlet on Baffin Island, where he has been stationed for the past three years.

Mrs. H. Mainprize thanked Const. Fryer on behalf of the Chapter and expressed how proud members were to have a young man from Acton choose such a noble profession.

The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Colez, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Thorarson and Miss Garvin.



SNOW BLANKETED roads were the scene of many week-end accidents last Sunday. Cars rolled over, ran into each other and caused considerable damage. One person was injured in the first snow fall of the year. Snow is being cleared away with trucks, grader and snow blower. —Staff Photo



ONE DAY AHEAD of the big storm was delivery of Acton's new snow loader which was put to the acid test of clearing the slushy snowfall and by evening had the bulk of the big snowfall loaded in trucks and hauled away from Acton's through highway sections. Looks as if it's going to play a big part in keeping Acton's streets the best in any town.