

FIRST SNOW CAUSES RECORD CRASHES



MAYOR RACHLIN AND REEVE HARGRAVE receive a box of candy from a pretty airline stewardess at Malton airport on Wednesday of last week. The candy was sent to the mayor from the mayor of Acton, England. Mayor A. S. Parkes sent "this basket of sweets as a personal memento of yet another link between our respective towns and townfolk, namely the dispatch to your country by Canadian Pacific Railway of a record shipment of sweets manufactured here in Acton." The candy was passed at council on Tuesday evening and the music box container displayed.

Property Sells 10 Times Assessed Value—Evidence

Properties in Trafalgar Township assessed for \$200 per acre have been sold for \$2,000 an acre. It was disclosed in evidence at the assessment appeal now being heard by County Judge W. N. Robinson.

The appeal was launched by Burlington and Oakville following the passing of a county equalized assessment by-law by county council earlier this year.

"Sales values on land have been away out of line in the lower end of Halton County," W. Dunham, Trafalgar assessor, stated under cross examination by Hughes Cleaver. "Why some of the land was selling at as much as property on the outskirts of New York City," he added as both solicitors and the audience were amused by the comparison.

Witness further disclosed property assessed for \$150 per acre, the eighth line was sold, 1.6 acres for \$10,000 and a second parcel of three-quarters acre for \$2,500.

During the hearing, the Township of Trafalgar began the presentation of their evidence affecting their municipality, as some observers in the court, said it was the beginning of "another Battle of Trafalgar, possibly to commemorate Trafalgar Day which was celebrated yesterday."

Much of the time was spent presenting figures, by the Trafalgar assessor, pertaining to the assessment of "Millionaires' Row," the estates east of Oakville, located on Highway 2. Evidence disclosed that land in this area was assessed from \$1,000 to \$1,250 per acre, while similar properties west of Oakville were assessed at \$400 per acre.

As Mr. Cleaver compared the lake shore property east of Oakville assessed for \$1,000 per acre to the Oakville assessment of similar property at \$2,000 per acre, witness was unable to answer, but added that either Oakville assessment was too high or the Trafalgar assessment was too low.

Mr. Cleaver also charged the township with saving the taxpayer \$2,400 a year in taxes on the Dorfman property when it was learned a \$50.41 location discount had been allowed. In the case of the Nelles property, which was listed at \$120,000, it was assessed at \$18,000 another saving of \$140 a year to the owner.

Lengthy evidence and a long list of figures respecting properties was presented, establishing the assessment and location discount or obsolescence on these properties, by the witness.

On a percentage basis, it was disclosed that a location discount from five to 25 per cent, had been allowed. In some cases the discount was a graduated figure amounting to as little as half per cent, for similar properties. Mr. Dunham also told the court this discount applied over the township with residential properties surrounding the Town of Milton receiving a fifteen per cent, obsolescence.

Considering properties on the ninth line, the court asked why land was much lower. Mr. Cleaver explained it appeared favorable to properties which had dual frontages on this road and Highway 2. In an area north and east of Oakville, \$675,777 had been found to be the total of location discount allowed. Mr. Dunham also stated after he had taken over the area west of Oakville, he found increases were necessary and those in-

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Completion Certificate On One Sewer Contract

Acton council, in regular session on Tuesday evening of this week, accepted the completion certificate on contract "C" of the sewerage disposal system. Acceptance of the certificate had been recommended by the engineers some time ago and council had held up acceptance pending clarification of several items. The date of the certificate was accepted as July 15, 1952, and the mayor and clerk were authorized to sign the certificate and issue a cheque to Jones and Van Gils for 10 per cent of the total contract, amounting to \$6,673.20. An additional five per cent of the contract is retained as a hold back until July, 1953.

C. F. Leatherland submitted the reasons for judgment received from Judge W. N. Robinson on the arbitration in connection with the proposed closing of a section of the lane behind Bower Ave. houses.

Evidence had been taken on the closing of the section of lane and the judge also inspected the lane. "I have come to the conclusion that the use of it (the lane) is required by the adjoining owners and that no sufficient access has been provided by the Town to justify closing of any portion of the alley. There is some land adjoining the alley on the north but it is swamp land and certainly could not be used by any for access in the present condition. The application for approval of the said closing must therefore be refused," the judge wrote.

Costs were set at \$100 to be paid by the applicant, in this case the town.

Nassagaweya Township council forwarded a resolution signifying their agreement to a share of the \$700 fee in the proposed Rural Fire Area. Esqueping had previously agreed to their share of the fee which was suggested by the Fire Brigade.

The by-law authorizing a vote on the increasing of the Public Utilities Commission from three to five men, was read twice and is to be considered further at a special meeting on October 31.

It was also suggested during the evening that council might be wise to consider investigation of a plan whereby councillors be elected for two years on a rotation system to insure continuity of policy in town business. No steps were taken on the proposal.

E. Beck, instructor from the fire marshal's office, advised council that the fire brigade's two and a half inch hose is rapidly deteriorating due to improper drying facilities for hose and no reserve hose. He recommended a hose tower or drying cabinet and 500 feet of spare hose. The letter was filed.

Mayor Rachlin passed on a suggestion that all poplar trees on Cameron Ave. be removed since they were affecting foundations of some houses. Council agreed it would be a costly proposition unless some lumber firm could be interested. The matter was left for the opinion of Cameron Ave. residents.

William Sheppard was awarded the trapping rights on town property for the sum of \$15 a year for five years. The only other tender received was from H. Dodds, who tendered \$8 per year. The solicitor was instructed to prepare the necessary by-law.

Instructions were issued to the clerk to bill J. Kingshott for sidewalk repairs and if not paid in 10 days, legal action be taken.

Permission was granted the First Acton Troop Boy Scouts to hold their annual Apple Day on Saturday.

Clerk McGeachie reported having written the tree experts to have them remove a tree near Charles Mason's on town property. Mr. Mason requested removal of the tree since it leaned dangerously towards his house.

Notification was received that \$4,777.96 had been approved as the town's interim road grant on expenditures.

The P.U.C. reported on repairs at the sewerage plant and the payment of \$30 to repair a motor damaged just after it began operation.

Lighting on the Crescent was to be investigated by the streets committee on a complaint forwarded by Mayor Rachlin.

The municipal council was invited to attend the opening of Acton Public School on Tuesday, October 28. Council decided to attend in a group.

Mayor Rachlin passed a box of candy received recently with the compliments of the Mayor of Acton, England. The candy was contained in a music box and had been picked up at Malton airport by he and the Reeve. The candy was made by an Acton, England, firm that recently made a record shipment to this country.

Council went into detail on the possibility of legislation to protect excavated lots where under construction. No action was taken following a motion to adjourn.

Acton Legion asked the co-operation of the council.

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Many Gifts Given To School Addition

A list of donations to Acton public school, being made on the occasion of the opening of the new school addition next week, has been released this week. While some of the gifts are just for the new school, many are for the use of all the Acton public school students.

Following are the gifts and donors: Union Jack and standard, Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E.; film projector, Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E.; Union Jacks for classrooms; Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.; reproductions of Canadian scenes, Charles Matthews, Toronto; 2 sets World Books, Acton Garagemen's Association; school bible, Friendly Circle; portrait of Miss Bennett, Friendly Circle; portrait of Queen Elizabeth and consort, Acton Br. 197 Canadian Legion; portraits of Queen Elizabeth for classrooms, Acton Branch 197 Canadian Legion and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary; trophy cabinet, Acton Women's Institute; lectern, Acton Scout and Guide Mothers' Association; trophy cup for student contributing most to the welfare of the school, Ted Tyler; pictures for kindergarten rooms, Acton Brownies; school dictionary, Acton Rotary Club; kindergarten playground equipment, Acton Rotary Club; ferneries for entrance hall, Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary; wall plaque trophy for scholastic competition, T. Gordon and Son; electric stove, Acton Home and School; intermediate playground equipment, Acton Home and School; portraits of Queen Elizabeth and consort, graduating class, 1952; sports equipment for auditorium, Y's Men's Association; film strips for projector, Acton public school students; records for music appreciation, Acton public school students; sports equipment for auditorium, Acton public school students; trophy cup for inter-class competition, Mayor B. D. Rachlin; trophy, School Board.

Mrs. George Walls Is Special Speaker

The Autumn Thankoffering Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was held in Sunday School room on Wednesday afternoon with the president, Miss M. Z. Bennett presiding. Scripture reading was taken by Mrs. J. Thomson and a duet given by Mrs. B. Veldhuis and Miss D. Simmons.

Mrs. B. Mowat introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. George Inglis, secretary of Christian Stewardship of the W.M.S. Conference Board.

She spoke of the adjustments that had taken place through the past few years in the many various ways mentioning the housing conditions and how there is still such a shortage. With the New Canadians coming to our country there was much need of community work and visiting to be done. To educate these people to our way of living, the work of churches and preachers was very badly needed, especially in the community centres that were not within walking distance of the church. Where there were buses to take the children to the Sunday School sometimes an adult or two would be taken along, she suggested. The address was very inspiring and interesting to those who were in attendance.

Mrs. Hannah moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Walls for her talk. The offering was dedicated by the president.

Knox, Anglican and Baptist societies were guests at this meeting, which closed with a hymn and prayer by the president.

Tea was poured by Mrs. P. A. Smith and Mrs. J. Symon. Lunch was served and a social time was spent at the close of the meeting.

Meet in School Record Attendance

George Elliott, barrister and solicitor, from Milton, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Acton Home and School Association, Monday, October 20, held for the first time in the new public school auditorium with a record attendance of over 100. Mr. Elliott gave an interesting talk on the home, the school, and child training.

He was introduced by J. Hurst and thanked by G. W. McKenzie. The president, W. Wolfe, presided and Mrs. William Ruddock gave several piano selections.

Refreshments and a social period concluded the meeting.

Refreshments in Acton, England, made a shipment of approximately 1,500 cases of candy and confectionery to their exclusive Ontario and Quebec agents, the Canadian Chocolate and Confectionery Co., Montreal. This is the largest quantity of an individual brand of boiled sweets ever to leave England for the Canadian market.

The candy will be distributed to Canadian retailers and wholesalers by K. P. Import, Export (Reg.), who sell the Dulcet line.

SPECIAL SERVICES, FOWL SUPPER MARK CHURCH'S 107th ANNIVERSARY

Large congregations worshipped in Knox Church last Sunday on the occasion of the 107th anniversary of the congregation. The services were conducted by the minister and the Rev. John Robson of St. Andrew's Church, Huntsville, preached both morning and evening.

A spirit of warmth and fellowship dominated the evening service when many members of the other Protestant communions in Acton joined in the service. Rev. R. E. Price of St. Alban's led the prayer of invocation, D. L. Patterson of the Baptist church read the lesson and Rev. E. A. Currey of the United Church led the pastoral prayer.

In the morning Mr. Robson preached from the 29th chapter of Isaiah on what was, as he pointed out, the central message of the reformers—the glory of God. He affirmed that God is Sovereign and that the church is only true to herself when her concern is solely to glorify God.

In the evening he preached from Ephesians 4: 5. "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism." He pointed out that the church is one because God is One. The church is the Body of Christ and Christ is the Head of the church. Mr. Robson dealt with difficult subjects in a way that was at once vivid and very moving.

Knox Choir led the service of praise, assisted in the morning by Victor Bristow of St. Alban's choir, who sang the twenty-third Psalm. The soloist in the evening was Alex McDougall of Hillsburgh.

On Monday evening over 400 people sat down to a turkey dinner in the basement of the church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. As always the dinner was ample and tasty.

A musical program followed. The "Hilton Sweethearts" who are Eleanor Cairns and Jerry Holmwood of Campbellville sang several duets accompanied by Miss Marilyn Cairns, Miss Faye Garner of Acton-played the piano accordion and Mrs. William Ballantine of Orton gave several humorous readings.

Alfred Tost of Georgetown sang two solos. E. A. Hansen presided at piano and organ. Rev. E. A. Currey brought greetings. Knox choir opened the evening with an anthem and it closed with God Save the Queen.

Acton Voters' List Issued This Week

Issued this week is the Voters' List for the town of Acton, with the names, addresses, occupations and conditions of all those eligible to vote in December elections, if they are necessary.

The 32-page, paper covered book reveals that there are 1,408 Acton citizens eligible to vote. The town is divided into four wards.

Appeal must be made by November 15 for inclusion on the list, by anyone who feels his or her name has been omitted erroneously.

Property Damage Soars As First Snow Hits District

Property damage to cars and trucks soared on Monday as the district received its first blanket of snow. One seven-car accident was reported on No. 7 highway in front of Somerville's about two miles east of Acton. Two truck operators reported a rushing business. Between Acton and Silvercreek there were 17 cars in the ditch at one time or another Monday morning. No serious injuries were reported but property damage would reach thousands of dollars.

The first snowfall caught many drivers unawares and in some instances it was almost impossible to control cars.

In the seven car pile-up before noon on Monday, several narrowly missed serious injury. Traffic was lined up for at least half a mile on each side of the crash. The road in the area was shattered from the sun by tall trees on each side while the road on each side of the area was bare and almost dry.

Although it was impossible to "unscramble" the part all seven cars played, it seemed certain that Otto J. Webber of Kitchener, driving alone, was the first car that hit the icy section and dropped on its side in a seven foot ditch on the south side of the road.

Beatrice Cole, Acton, was approaching the scene and skidded slightly although still on the road. A second car driven by John E. Elliott, Kitchener, was unable to stop and hit the rear of her car.

Ballentine's tow truck arrived on the scene and parked in the Somerville lane. Another car driven by R. H. Millard, Ottawa, accompanied by her husband, swerved crazily on the icy stretch before hitting the tow truck a glancing blow and catapulting across the road to the opposite seven foot ditch.

Another pair involved in the pile-up was William G. Findlay, whose car was involved in a smash with a car driven by Basil Stegiles, Leaside.

P.C. Mansfield of the Oakville detachment investigated. West of town just beyond Crownson's Corners, the Dizok family of Guelph was involved in an accident when their car swerved from the road as they proceeded toward Acton. The car hit a hydro pole and passed over a pile of rock. Minor injuries were sustained by some and it was thought one of the children might have a broken foot.

At Rockwood, motorists found the hill in the village almost impossible to climb until truck crews sanded the stretch.

No accidents were reported within the municipality but Provincial Police in the district were kept busy investigating accidents. One member from the Guelph detachment had investigated 11 accidents in the morning.

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L. Wieck Purchases Prize-Winning Dog

A prize-winning English bulldog, purchased by Lorne Wieck of Acton, arrived here Tuesday after a seven day ocean trip by boat. The two-year-old dog, weighing 33 pounds, was bought from Mrs. G. May Ellis of Brinsall, Lancashire, England.

The bulldog topped his class in a recent dog show at Liverpool, England. Mr. Wieck expects that the animal will make his Canadian show debut at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.



PREPARING FOR THE OPENING night at the Acton public school addition, Principal G. W. McKenzie unpacks large silk screen reproductions of famous paintings donated to the school by C. A. G. Matthews of Toronto, who was one of the school boys in Acton over forty years ago and took advantage of this opportunity to show his appreciation of the home town school. The pictures have been hung in the large auditorium which will be the centre of activities next Tuesday evening when Hon. Leslie Frost, Premier of Ontario, officially opens the addition. Numerous other gifts have been presented to the school and a complete list is found elsewhere in this issue. Most will be in place for the opening.

—Staff Photo