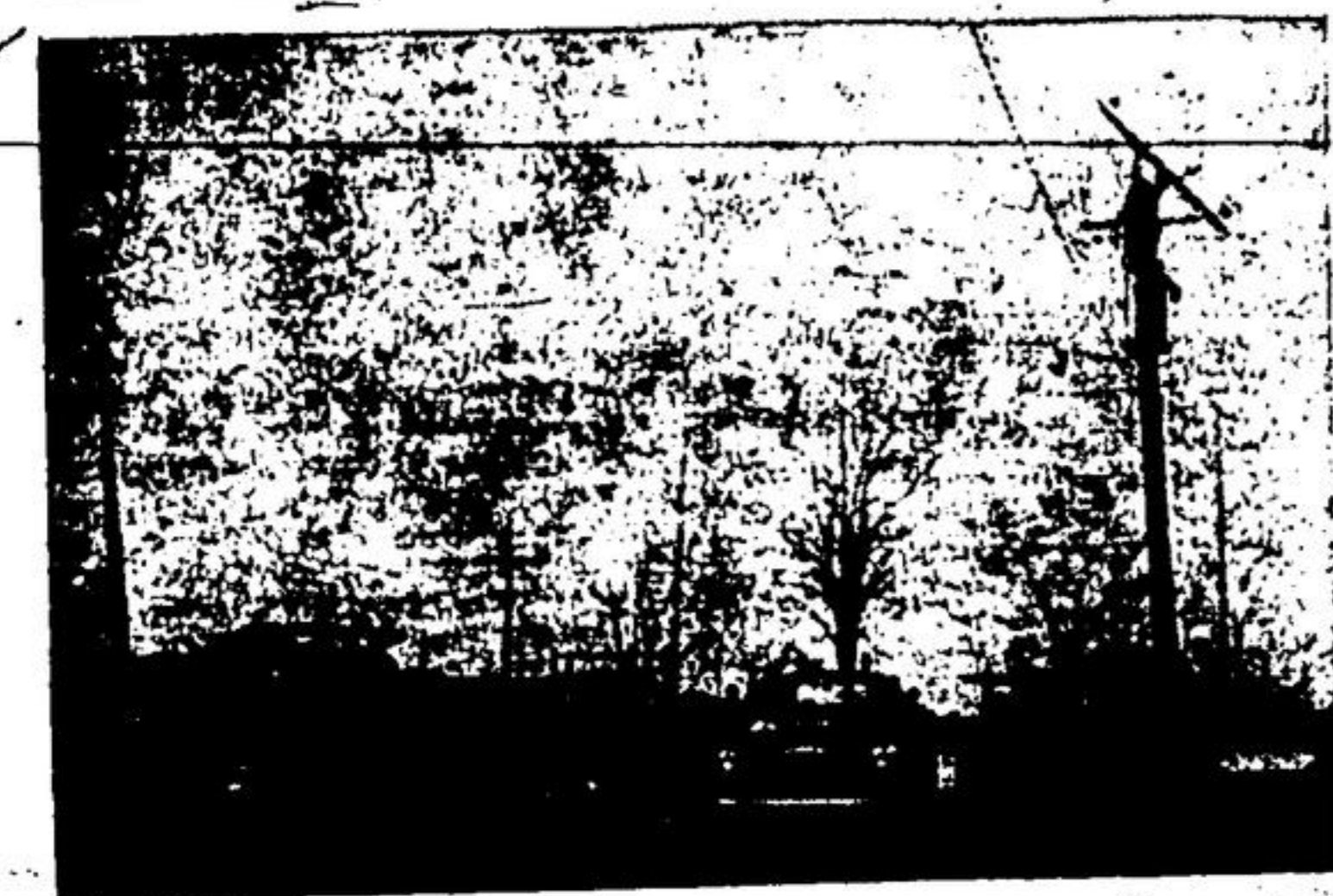


ASK CAUTION OF SAFETY WEEK CONTINUE



LOCAL SCENE of the four hour power failure is shown here with workmen attempting to repair damage caused when power leaked around the insulators and burned the top off the pole in front of Tolh's service station. The power failure was a general condition caused by a peculiar atmospheric condition. It was reported the "strangest power failure on record."

Plan To Issue \$250,000 Debentures On Manor

Halton County Council at its regular session held Tuesday afternoon gave the necessary two readings to a by-law to authorize a debenture issue of \$250,000 as the county's share in building, erecting and furnishing the new Halton Centennial Manor. The bonds are to four and a half per cent, according to the by-law. Some members felt this interest rate may be rather small, but they also felt they should try to seek a buyer at the suggested rate.

Council endorsed a resolution sponsored by Huron County which was seeking to have November 11 established as a statutory holiday. Members felt Remembrance Day was run rather haphazardly.

A request from the County Assessor to have the office held salary increased, was shelved and left in the hands of the assessment committee. Deputy Reeve McArthur, Oakville argued these increases should be reviewed at the beginning of the year instead of the end.

Norman Brown, Georgetown, appearing on behalf of the executors of the Frank estate, sought to have council purchase 200 acres of bush land in Nassagaweya township, to be included in the reforestation program. Selling price is quoted at \$5,500. The offer was left to the Reforestation committee to consider and report back to the next council meeting.

A petition bearing 23 signatures of residents in Kilbride, was presented by Deputy Reeve Fred Walker, Nelson. Petition sought to have the county engineer and road superintendent lower ditches extending through the village. They claim water lies in the ditch and seeps through into cellars. The request was referred back to the Road Committee.

Roy F. Smith gave a comprehensive report on the Good Roads Convention, he attended at Quebec. A resolution sponsored by the Nelson Township Federation of Agriculture, addressed to the County Conservation committee was read and referred back to them to deal with the flow of water in Limestone Creek. The letter stated it concerned municipalities taking water from their sources, thereby interfering with conservation. "The case in mind concerns the fact that water is being drawn from and will be increasingly so from the Limestone creek, thus decreasing its flow to a mere trickle at certain times of the year."

Nelson members asked if the letter referred to Milton's source of supply. However, Reeve to have formed them a 90 foot well would not likely have any bearing on the charge.

Members endorsed two resolutions from Perth County to be forwarded to government officials, in respect to the control of warble fly, a devastating pest of the maple tree, for spraying purposes. A second stated they were unfavorable to present marketing conditions of a floor price on 700 pound carcasses, and this be reduced to 300 pounds to comply to conditions that presently exist in Ontario.

Council authorized the return of a license fee for a gasoline pump to a Kilbride merchant, on the grounds it was under the jurisdiction of provincial regulations. Engineer Smith thought the present county by-law was in violation of the provincial regulations. The pump in question has been located on the same spot a number of years.

Accounts authorized to be paid included: Finance, \$12,763.24; assessments, \$53.65; printing and education, \$282.25; Halton Centennial Manor, \$5,710.12; County Bonds, \$44,940.41; county buildings, \$229.00; hospitals, \$2,643.00; agriculture and reforestation, \$181.48.

Haram, Wall, Maw, now we've struck oil I want you to have some decent clothes. Maw: Nuthin' doing. I've worn decent clothes all my life. Now I'm goin' to dress like other women.

Health Unit Seen By German Doctors

Four German doctors are expected to visit the Halton county health unit at Milton this week, to obtain first-hand information on the operation of such a service. The German health officers are visiting Toronto this week, and will be accompanied in their visit to Halton by Dr. R. G. Struthers of the Ontario Department of Health. The doctors are Dr. Josef Michel, Chief of Public Health Section, Landesbezirk Baden, Germany; Dr. Alois Schmitz, Chief of the Public Health Department of the Land of Rheland-Pfalz; Dr. Johann Josef Buecken, Chief Public Health Officer, Ministry of Social Affairs, State of Nordrheinland-Westfalen; and Dr. Heinz Fritz Reuter, Social Hygienist at the Health Office of the Land Government of Schleswig-Holstein.

Straw Flies at Y Sadie Hawkins Day

A free-for-all straw fight was the main feature of the Sadie Hawkins dance held in the Acton Y last Friday, November 14. Straw flew as 30 bales were opened and tossed in confusion and amonish' doxpatch style. About 40 attended, many wearing back-woods type costumes. Novelty dances were included in the program with the usual refreshments.

Successfully Retain Bean Bridge Trophy

The Acton Y's Men's Club successfully defended the Bean Bridge Trophy against the Owen Sound Y's Men's Club for a second time in a game played in Acton on Friday, November 14. This is the second time these two clubs have met, with Acton being the winner both times. The final score was Acton 21,250, Owen Sound 13,900. Acton has now earned the right to move into the next round with Guelph on Thursday, November 27. Acton team: J. Creighton, D. Bean, A. Braida, F. Lawrence, C. Wood, C. Cook, H. Arbie and J. Greer.

Early Adjournment Sets Pre-Nomination Record

In a record-setting, short pre-nomination meeting, Acton council completed the small business agenda and adjourned the regular meeting at 10:10 p.m. making it the earliest adjournment "in years." In an effort to conclude six-month long negotiations on Lot H, a small lot at the north end of George St. for which no owner is found and which is required for a street to service a house originally built on landlocked property owned by K. M. Langdon, council agreed to the deletion of a specific paragraph in the agreement.

Lot H adjoins the property owned by E. E. Barr and is in position to act as a part of George St. that might eventually run across T. Seynuck's property. The town asked Mr. Seynuck to agree not to build on the projected street line. Mr. Seynuck explained he wanted no encumbrances on the property and the section was dropped on approval of council.

E. E. Barr and T. Seynuck were present at the meeting. Public School Principal G. W. McKenzie reminded council that each year it was becoming more and more difficult for children to cross the highway. He explained a safety program being carried on at the school and asked council's co-operation in making Acton more safety conscious.

Suggestions presented for council's consideration were increasing the number of cross walks painted on the roads, beginning of a safety patrol system formed by senior students, note and larger school signs urging caution, strict enforcement of the town speed limit and some guidance or consideration on pedestrian problems on the cemetery hill.

Council planned to contact the highway engineer in an attempt to have some additional cross walks painted on the highway that could be patrolled by senior students. E. Marks and G. Cunningham requested the use of the arena for the Minor Sports club. They explained teams were being entered in the O.M.H.A. and the club would possibly require the arena more than last year. Council authorized the use of the arena but reminded the representatives that Wednesday and Saturday were skating nights.

A complete statement of the town finances to the end of October and estimated to the end of the year, showed a \$200 surplus it is customary for this report to be available for the nomination meeting and no discussion was held on the report. The by-law placing operation and maintenance of the sewer disposal system with the P.U.C. was passed. Acton's share of fines levied in October amounted to \$10.06. The following accounts were approved for payment: Bellente Motors, gas, oil 42.88; Bell Telephone, serv. 65.51; Acton Free Press 92.62; Flintkote Co. 382.16; Corp. of Acton hydro acct 4.66; Dept. of Health, insulin 4.00; Halton Manuf. Co. repairs 4.99; Watson Dairy Bar, lunch 30.04; Thompson's Farm Serv 1.56; Lethy's Garage, gas 2.25; E. Garner Mrs. gas, fuel 30.18; Thompson Motors, gas, oil 58.66; Cedarvale Tree Experts 107.10; Lid, removing, tree 3.50; Bilton & Perry Ltd. repairs 8.25; MacSwin Mrs. grease etc 8.25; W. J. Kentner, use of saw 1.25; Manning Elec. photograph needle 4.00; C. E. Hickey & Sons, dia-grams 3.78; F. Dawkins, mileage 360.00; Acton P.U.C., town oper 1,337.52; Sewer Accounts 157.75; Art Vine, lowering sewer lateral on Main St. N. 85.28; Can Gen. Elec., magnetic switch 7.00; L. Garner, front end loader, rental 250.03

Replanting Needed By 20,000 Acres

Referring to 20,000 acres of land in the townships of Nassagaweya, Erin, Bramosa and Pualinch in need of reforestation, as revealed by the provincial department of planning and development, the purchase of 8,000 of these acres was recommended at last week's meeting in Galt of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority. This purchase would involve reforestation of these lands, which according to the Authority head, Amos Wilkinson of Wallenstein, should never have been cleared in the first place. "It is now our job to locate the 800 assessed owners and try to buy the land at a reasonable price and put it back in trees again," he said. Much of the property was said to be part of abandoned farms.

This job will likely be started in 1953. His board has a carryover of 300 acres to plant next spring. The Department of Lands and Forests was not able to complete the job because too few trees were available, although Mr. Wilkinson said 200 acres had been planted. It is expected more trees will be available next spring now that a new policy of charging private landowners for them has been put into force.

OPERATION LOLLIPOP FROM ACTON TO ACTON: GIFT CASKET RECEIVED HERE

The London, England Evening News contained this recent news item: "About 13 million boiled sweets—40 tons—have left England for Canada. The cargo is the largest of its kind to leave Britain for Canada. It has been called 'Operation Lollipop.' "The sweets, which will be on sale in Canada in time for children's Christmas parties, were made in a factory at Acton which turns out three million sweets a day. "The cargo is an elaborate gift casket of sweets, containing a message from the Mayor of Acton, London to his counterpart, the Mayor of Acton, Ontario. Its sweet content is an emblem of our brotherhood." The item, clipped from the British newspaper, was brought to the Free Press office this week.

Town is Crippled By Freak Failure

School pupils were all sent home, industries closed down, stores shut and Monday washing and preparation of dinner was impossible when the strangest power failure on record halted electric power in Acton and the immediate district for about four hours on Monday morning. Fog caused the current to leak around the dampened insulators on hydro poles and poles caught fire at several places in southern Ontario, including Waterdown, Guelph, Thorold and Niagara-on-the-Lake. In Acton, the top of the hydro pole by Tolh's garage was completely burned off and town workmen struggled in the thick fog and drizzling rain to replace the pole.

Since heat had not been high in schools and industries over the week-end, these buildings were uncomfortably cold Monday morning when pupils-or-employees arrived. Public school children were sent home shortly after nine a.m. and high school pupils a-while after. As well as the cold, darkness hampered or halted activity in stores and factories as the thick fog cut visibility very low. Garages were unable to operate since their pumps are electrically operated. Water was kept flowing by auxiliary gasoline pumps. The power shut off at about 7:15 a.m. and came on again just after 11 a.m. in time for worried housewives to manage a dinner after all.

The whole town, from individual washing machines waiting for the weekly wash to the largest industries, was temporarily crippled by the freak failure. W.M.S. Hostess is Mrs. J. Symon

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. J. Symon on Tuesday, with the president, Miss M. Z. Bennett, presiding. The meeting opened with prayer by the president. Worship service was taken by Mrs. R. R. Arnold and Mrs. L. Agar and the study book, "Along African Trails," and the theme, "Means of Grace, the Bible," by Mrs. R. R. Arnold and Miss M. Mainprize. Temperance was taken by Miss D. Simmons, Lunch, Mission Band, by Mrs. J. Symon and Mrs. L. Agar and the duties of a nurse, Miss Ada Sandall, by Mrs. L. Agar and Miss E. Howthorne. The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Symon for her home and to the lunch group. Mrs. Arnold's group served lunch of assorted cookies and a cup of tea, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Privilege To Be Y's Man, Club Told

"It is a privilege to be a Y's Man and have the opportunity of serving others," Emory Knill, district governor and past president of the Bradford Y's Men's Club told Acton club members at their meeting on Thursday, November 13, in the Y.M.C.A. He told of a Japanese he met in Chicago who became a Christian and was ostracized in his own community. He emphasized how much it meant to this man to be a Y's Man attending an international convention to missionaries. "What better way can we combat Communism than to bring these fellows over here to show them our way of life," he asked. Mr. Knill, a sales engineer, attended the International convention at Cleveland recently. A film on wool combing operations called "Know Your Suit" was shown by T. Jones, who gave a short review of the starting of the wool combing industry in Acton. The film showed the entire process of the making of a suit, beginning with the shearing of the sheep. A report of the sale of tickets for the turkey draw was given by J. Greer and plans were made for a bingo and the sale of Christmas trees. Guests at the meeting were J. Gov and H. Kinread of Acton Rotary club.

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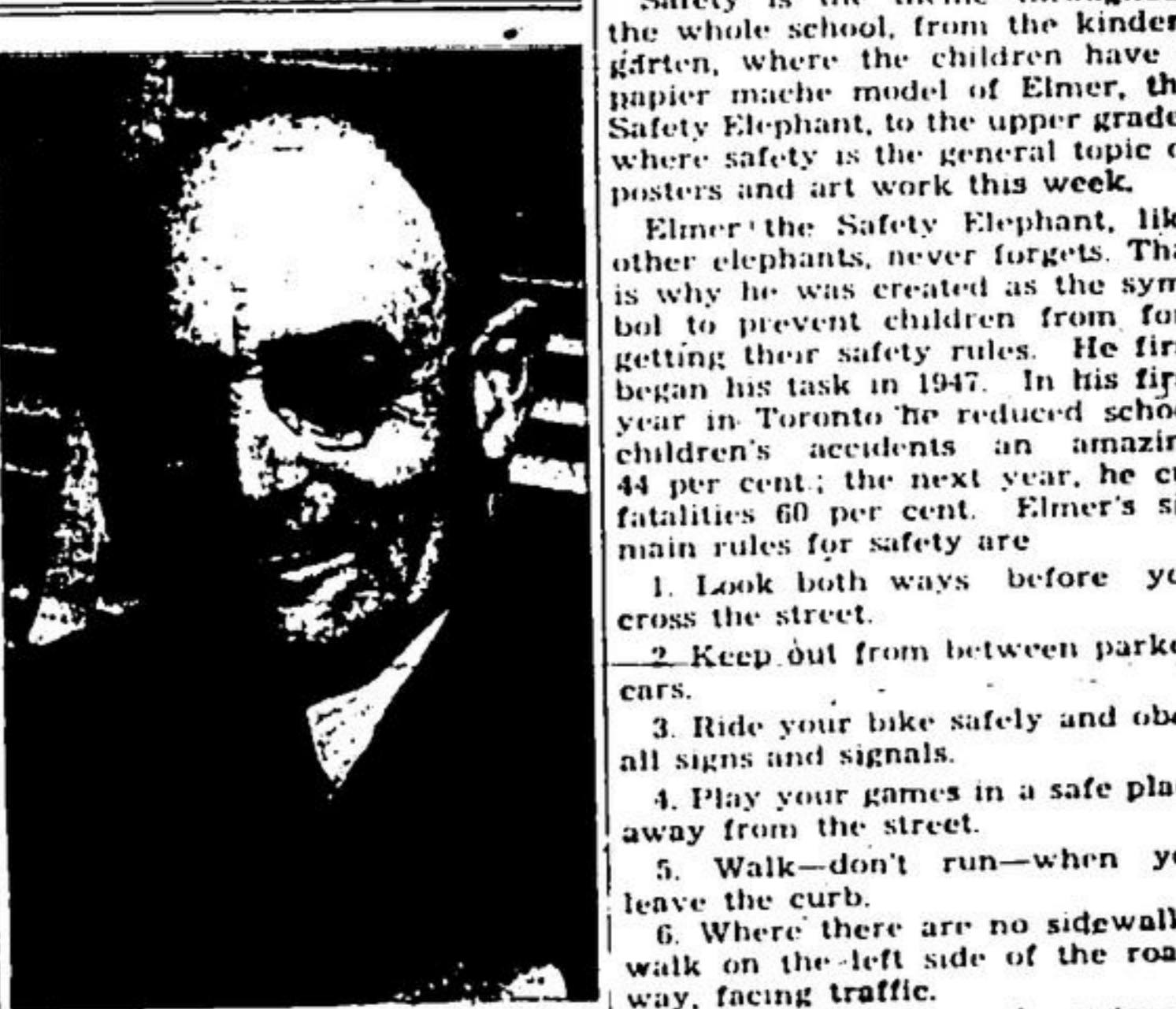
"My wife says if I don't give up golf she's going to walk out on me. That's tough." "Yeah, I've gotten kinda fond of the old girl, too."

Talks, Films, Practices Emphasize Safety Week

Fog and drizzling rain with poor visibility challenged Acton public school students as they began their Safety Week on Monday. While the young students are stressing safety all this week in their classes, principal G. W. McKenzie points out that what is learned must not be forgotten after Safety Week concludes Friday. Rules "must be systematically followed from now on," he said. Every home in Acton was contacted by letter last Friday, with parents specially asked to co-operate for safety. Teachers will continue to remind their classes of the safety rules even after this week of intensified training.

Skull Fractured By Falling Rock

When a stone plummeted from the top of a well and struck George Allan of R. R. 3, Acton, he suffered a fractured skull Thursday of last week. He was cleaning the 40 foot well at the farm of Max Storey when the rock struck him on the head. While he suffered a painful blow, he did not think it necessary to see a doctor, until Friday he became dizzy and sick. After X-rays at Guelph General hospital, he was rushed to Toronto for observation. His head was shaved and doctors were constantly alert to see a hemorrhage did not develop. He was allowed to return home Tuesday. His neck and shoulders are still sore from the effects of the blow, which might have proven even more serious. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Allan on R. R. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Allan have a second worry this week; their grandchild Robert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allan Jr. of Hamilton is in critical condition in the Sick Children's hospital in Toronto. The lad will be three years old in December. Safety is the theme throughout the whole school, from the kindergarten, where the children have a paper mache model of Elmer, the Safety Elephant, to the upper grades where safety is the general topic of posters and art work this week. Elmer the Safety Elephant, like other elephants, never forgets. That is why he was created as the symbol to prevent children from forgetting their safety rules. His first year in Toronto he reduced school children's accidents an amazing 44 per cent; the next year, he cut fatalities 60 per cent. Elmer's six main rules for safety are: 1. Look both ways before you cross the street. 2. Keep out from between parked cars. 3. Ride your bike safely and obey all signs and signals. 4. Play your games in a safe place away from the street. 5. Walk—don't run—when you leave the curb. 6. Where there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the roadway, facing traffic. Most accidents have been traced to the breaking of one or more of these six basic rules. The Acton Y's Men's Club is sponsoring Elmer's stay in Acton, ideally, always at the top of the flag pole. Expenses include the purchase of the large green Elmer pennant.



J. M. WICKSON, Reeve of Trafalgar and Warden of Halton County, announced his retirement from active participation in municipal affairs at the nomination meeting in Trafalgar Hall on Monday evening.

NORTH HALTON BUILDING PROGRAM MAJOR ITEM, SEEK DEPT. APPROVAL

Steps to implement the building program in North Halton High School District were the major item at the November meeting held in Georgetown on Monday evening. Chairman Bell gave an outline of the interview held on Friday with the Hon. Dr. Dunlop, Minister of Education and other Department officials. Further information was required for Department records and this was to be completed for presentation at a meeting on Friday, November 21, when the officials concerned can go over the details. Messrs. Bell, Martin and Dills were appointed a committee to get these details ready and go to Toronto on Friday. Another committee was appointed to go over the correspondence of about 30 architects, study their work and bring in recommendations to the Board. The following motion was passed: "The Board has received endorsement of the councils of all five municipalities: Woods-Dill. That the Board give approval to a building program comprising new nine-room schools in Acton and Georgetown and an addition of a dual purpose classroom gymnasium in Milton, in accordance with the memorandum of October 17, 1952. This program, which will cost approximately \$555,000, has been approved by all five municipalities in the district. This motion will refer to all previous motions relating to new school accommodations." Carried unanimously. A letter was read from the Inspector of Public Schools for Halton, giving the average attendance in the various schools the past year. No 1 area of Esquewaug had the largest attendance and consequently had the right to make an appointment to the Board for 1953. A letter from Erin High School District gave approval and agreement to assume costs of pupils attending in the district from that Township. Accounts for November passed by the Board amounted to \$12,128.46. Reports from the Principals were brief and Mr. Lambert drew attention to the absenteeism which was a growing problem in the High Schools and seemingly on the increase since the entrance examinations had been eliminated and pupils were promoted on age rather than academic standing. All the members of the Board were present at this meeting.