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Announce Change in Publications' Ownership

Dave Dills

G. A. Dills

Jim Dills

A plan which has been in contemplation for some years has now become effective and G. A. Dills, who has been the sole owner of the Acton Free Press and the Canadian Champion, has taken into partnership his two sons, David R and James A. For business purposes the firm will be known as Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Limited, instead of G. A. Dills, Publisher. The incorporation will in reality have little change in the policy of the papers or printing business since all three have been associated for several years in the Acton and Milton offices.

Present plans will however, allow for a division of responsibilities. David R. Dills will continue in complete charge of production of newspapers and commercial printing. James A. Dills will have editorship of the publications. When his new home in Milton is completed in a few months, he will reside in Milton and give more attention to the Champion and the printing needs of the county town. To enable him to do this, Mr. John H Black, formerly of Seaforth, joins the staff and has moved to Acton and will devote his time largely to the Free Press and the Acton field.

G. A. Dills will continue as senior member of the Company and will continue active association with both the Free Press and the Champion. However, the arrangements are planned to relieve him of some of his responsibilities and lead up to a time when it is necessary for him to retire from full time activity at the Milton and Acton offices.

The changes are planned, too, with an objective in mind of rendering to Acton and Milton the best service possible for newspapers representative of the towns in which they are published and a commercial printing service for the communities that is the equal or better than that obtainable anywhere.

Like the new year, we start out with new faces and new figures, but the same 365 days and 52 weeks and the avowed purpose of making them better and brighter.

ORTON

Community Honors Mr., Mrs. E. Hall

A pleasant event took place in Orton Community Hall on Saturday evening when more than 100 relatives and friends gathered to honor Mr and Mrs Ernie Hall on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Progressive euchre was played and at an appropriate time Henry Wheeler as chairman called the gathering to order and in a few well chosen words asked Ernie and Hazel to occupy the chairs on the platform.

The highlight of the evening was a mock wedding performed by Anne Hall as the bride, Joyce Redman as groom, LaVerne Watson as the bride's father, Marjorie Wheeler the page boy and Shirley Tarzer the minister.

Speeches were made by Rev. Ella Currey, Harry Thompson and Art Turner.

Mr and Mrs Hall received many beautiful gifts that consisted of floor lamp and cushion from "the Bryan's", electric coffee percolator "the Hall's"; electric tea kettle "the Turner aunts and uncles" chest of silverware from "the Orton neighbors" and numerous smaller gifts.

The bride of 25 years was then presented with a bouquet of mums from the community.

Mr and Mrs Hall replied very fittingly, thanking everyone for their lovely gifts.

A dainty lunch with wedding cake was served by those in charge bringing a pleasant evening to a close.

Holiday Visits

Mr and Mrs Norman Cook spent Sunday in Orangeville with Mr and Mrs Louis Cook.

Mr and Mrs Pete Watson spent New Year's in Galt with Mr and Mrs Russel Watson and Lou.

Mr and Mrs Dave Jestin had as their holiday guests Mr and Mrs Art Jestin, North Bay and Miss Madge Jestin of Marysville.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Don Watson of Kingston on the birth of a baby daughter last week.

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Mrs J. K. ... spent ... here.

Miss Marilyn Watson spent a few days last week with Mr and Mrs Ainsley Barrow of ...

Mr Ben Moffatt of ... spent New Years with Mr and Mrs Art Turner.

Mrs John Watson ... with Mr and Mrs ... Hillsburgh.

Mr and Mrs Earl ... family visited ... former ... parents at ...

Mr and Mrs J A McE... visited during the holidays with Mr and Mrs Robert K...

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saved my little boy?"

"Yes ma'm I guess so."

"Well, where's his cap?"

Third Try Friday

Acton's third nomination meeting to provide member material for the 1954 town council will be held tomorrow evening (Friday). Time, place, and particulars are described in a notice elsewhere in this issue. Unofficial informants hint that an election may follow this meeting, called to provide a nominee or candidates for one council seat. Nominations will also be received to fill the P.U.C. post vacancy created by the resignation of C. Hansen.

Hits 'Stopped Car' Truck Rolls Over

Lorne Miller, 23, of Acton and Thomas Elliott, 42, also of Acton, were taken to St Joseph's hospital Hamilton, with cuts and bruises after their light truck struck the rear of a car on the Queen Elizabeth Way at the Mercer bridge and rolled over on its side Saturday.

Prov. Con. Melvill Stroud said Miller's truck collided with the rear of a car driven by Charles Reichheld 20 of the RCAF station Centralia. Reichheld told police he stopped his car to help a motorist whose car had broken down when Miller's truck collided with his car. The airman was uninjured.

BALLINAFAD

Declare Winners At W.I. Euchre, Dance

The W I held a very successful euchre and dance last Tuesday night. High scores were held by Mrs Robbins and Robert Millar, second, Mrs Alex Near and Jo... McEachern. In a lucky draw for a blanket Heather Hains held the winning ticket. Mrs Wm. Evans and Jack Cain won the spot dance, and Mr and Mrs M Baker ... in the ... dance. Music was supplied by Mr Jesse McEvoy and Mr and Mrs ... McEvoy.

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CAMPBELLVILLE

Praise Pupils For Christmas Concert

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Sympathy of this community is extended to Mrs Neil Martin and family during their recent bereavement.

Mrs C A E... is spending an extended vacation with Mr and Mrs Mac E... in Montreal.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Lorne Colling on the birth of a son.

We wish the new tenants on Easy's Corner, Stanley Henderson and Tom Hanson and Charles W..., every success in the New Year.

Mr and Mrs Lloyd Crawford left for St. Petersburg, Florida on Tuesday morning for three months.

Mr and Mrs Edward ... and family and Mr and Mrs Wilfred Tomkins and family have moved to the E... apartment.

Your correspondent extends to readers a prosperous New Year with special thanks to the editor and staff of the Free Press.

OBITUARY

Lived Near Acton Victor Norrie Dies

Funeral service for the late Albert Norrie was held on Saturday at the Victor Rumley funeral home here and interment was in Erin cemetery.

Mr Norrie was a native of Caledon and was 59 years of age. He passed away in Guelph General hospital Wednesday of last week where he had been a patient for some weeks.

Mr Norrie farmed in Sickatchewan for several years and lately lived near Acton. He was a son of the late Alexander and Margaret Norrie. Unmarried, he is survived by brothers in Georgetown and a sister Mrs Vincent Smith. A brother William G Norrie died in Toronto a few years ago.

OSPRINGE

Name Officers At Girls' Group Meet

The first meeting of the Girls Club was held at the home of their leader, Mrs Doris Fines when 10 girls registered, to be known as Ospringe Bedroom Belles. Officers chosen were: president Leona Bessey, vice-president Joan Aitken, secretary Shirley Awrey, press reporter Diane Nicholson.

The second meeting was held at the home of the assistant leader, Mrs Ken Stubbington. The roll call was "One accessory my bedroom needs."

The club story was read by Marilyn Young. The work period was devoted to Italian hemstitching. These clubs are now to be known as 4-H Homemaking Clubs. Both hostesses served refreshments at the close.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs Archie Stewart ... in the passing of her sister ... in Guelph on Saturday.

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Mr and Mrs Bert Roberts had as guests for New Year's Mr and Mrs Wm Robertson, Brampton, and Mr and Mrs Robert King, Guelph.

Mr and Mrs A McK... spent New Year's in Toronto.

Mrs M... Jackson spent New Year's Day with Mr and Mrs A ... W... and family ...

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Mrs Audrey D... of Guelph spent ... with Mr and Mrs E F...

Town Council Holds Inaugural Session

Officers Installed At Walker Lodge

Installing Master W. Bro. H. L. Ritchie was assisted by the past masters in installing the officers of Walker Lodge for 1954 on Monday, December 28. Visitors were present from Guelph and Georgetown for the annual event.

The following are the officers named:

W M, W Bro E. S. Cooper, I P M W Bro L. W Lovell; S W, Bro G F. Wingate; J W., Bro S F Snow; Chaplain, V W Bro W. M. Cooper; Treasurer, W. Bro R H Elliott; secretary, W Bro. H. L. Ritchie; S D Bro A C Paterson; J D, Bro N L Bowles; I G, Bro. L. R McKersie; D of C, W. Bro. A. J Buchanan, S S, Bro J. H. Reid; J S, Bro S K. Joe, organist, Bro L. Youngblut, Tyler, Bro John Lambert.

EDEN MILLS

S.S. Children Enjoy Christmas Concert

The annual Sunday School concert of the Presbyterian church was held recently with a large attendance.

Following is the program: opening carols by the Sunday school; welcome by Bonnie MacDougall; song by the boys; Mrs. Lasby's and Mrs. Gilbertson's classes; reading, John McNiven; songs by the camp fire girls; recitations by Roberta Roy, Evelyn Clark, Carol Hammond, Brian Hammond, Billy Lasby, Jimmy Barden, Dean MacDougall and Terry Hamilton; songs by the girls of Mrs. Lasby's and Mrs. McLean's class; duet, George and Betty Clark; piano solo by George Watson; reading, Eleanor McAlpine; dialogue, "Buying Christmas Presents", songs, Doreen Tolton and carols by the Sunday school.

Santa appeared to distribute gifts to all the children. Rev Fred Williamson was chairman.

W.M.S., Ladies' Aid Meet

The Christmas meeting of the W M S and Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church was recently held in the home of Mrs J D Lowrie with a large attendance.

In the absence of the president Mrs James G. ... had charge of the Ladies Aid and conducted a short business session. The W M S meeting was in charge of the president ... Devotions were conducted by Mrs W McLean and Mrs R Borthwick.

Arrangements were made to attend the Presbyterian annual at Guelph in the near future. Readings were given by Mrs R Roy, Mrs R Smith, Mrs D Clark and Mrs J D Lowrie. Numbers were given by the ladies quartette and a piano solo by Mrs W Lasby.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs F Blow, Acton who delivered a splendid message. Mrs Gordon Stevenson closed the meeting with prayer. A social half hour was enjoyed. During the social hour members exchanged gifts.

Holiday Visitors

Mr and Mrs Sandy Martin and family Badenoch, were Christmas visitors in the home of Mr and Mrs J D Lowrie.

Mr and Mrs Frank Lemmer and family Erindale spent New Year's in the same home.

Mr and Mrs G A McPhail spent Christmas with Mr and Mrs Neil McPhail in Milton.

Mr and Mrs Fred McNiven and girls of Rockcliffe spent a week during the holidays in the home of Mrs McNiven's parents, Mr and Mrs J A Milne.

Mr and Mrs James Davie and daughters Mary and Grace, Toronto spent Christmas in the home of Mrs Davie's parents Mr and Mrs W J Lowrie.

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Members Strike 1954 Committees, Pass Resolutions to Govern Year's Business

Acton Council, short one member who will be elected, if necessary, following the town's third nomination meeting Friday, held its inaugural session Monday evening when in little more than two and a half hours councillors dispensed with the motions, resolutions and committee designations necessary at the year's first meeting.

Prior to Mayor E Tyler's initial remarks, Rev E A Currey of Acton United church noted he was pleased it was the practice in Acton to have a clergyman present at the inaugural council meeting and, in his later remarks, charged the members to fulfill the function of their office in a manner that will invoke respect and sympathy from those citizens who hold an interest in municipal affairs. In the conduct of the town's business Mr Currey commented, council will be subjected to criticism and will endure lengthy debates. However he added, the reward for this is the satisfaction of doing and knowledge of a job well done.

Name 1954 Committees

Mayor Tyler, after thanking Mr Currey and welcoming the new members remarked that council endeavors to be as democratic as possible in its dealings. Indicating the right of the citizens to be aware of proceedings, Mayor Tyler stated, "We have reporters here, we don't tell the press what or what not to put down."

As a striking committee, council heard recommendations of the Mayor and, after some discussion agreed on the following slate of standing committees for 1954: finance, C. Lindsay, R Hargrave, J Stewart; streets, R Thompson, A. Irwin, E. Footitt, R Hargrave (new member); industrial, E Tyler, J Stewart, C. Lindsay, R. Hargrave; buildings, L. Wieck, A. Irwin, (new member); fire and police, E Tyler, R Thompson, L. Wieck, E Footitt.

Council agreed to hold regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Clerk J. McGeachie was authorized to borrow up to $70,000 for current expenses until 1954 taxes are received.

Sell Strip of Property

By resolution read and passed at Monday's meeting, Mayor Tyler and Reeve J. Stewart and/or Clerk McGeachie were authorized with the power to sign on behalf of the town's business. The Mayor and ... were also authorized to advance payments as required ... Acton Public School ... (remainder illegible)

Authorization ... stipulated ... Reeve Stewart ... power ... committees ... Mayor's absence.

Councillor E. Footitt and Mayor Tyler were appointed to represent council on the Acton Planning Board and Councillor L. Wieck was named to the advisory board of the Acton Citizens' Band.

Council granted a tax lease for 1954 to A J Denny and agreed to sell for $375 to Baxter Laboratories Ltd a strip of property 24 feet by 202 feet, which runs from Willow St alongside the Baxter plant. The company presently has a right-of-way agreement with the town. The town solicitor was authorized to prepare the deed of transfer.

Parking, Lighting Complaints

Following review of the Municipal-Provincial Relations Board's progress report ... Ontario Good Roads Association ... send a representative to ... convention in Toronto.

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First Plates South License Sale Brisk

First 1954 motor vehicle license number issued in Acton this year was R4701. Mr Arthur Padbury of Nassagaweya, who was leaving for a trip south on Saturday morning, was on hand when J K Gardner opened his office and the plates were attached and Mr and Mrs Padbury headed south.

Mr Gardiner has received notice from the Highways Department that the time for securing license plates and operator's licenses has been extended to January 30. Already the new plates are appearing on cars about town and sales are reported to be about the same as in previous years. A number from out-of-town find the Acton office very convenient and secure their plates regularly here as well as motorists of Acton and districts.

OBITUARY

R. Benjamin Storey Dies in Toronto

A native of Nassagaweya and a son of the late Thomas and Eliza McCurdy Storey, Robert Benjamin Storey died at his home, 38 Marmaduke St Toronto on December 28. He was 72 years of age. He had been a resident of Toronto for some years and was last employed in the lithographing plant of the Robert Simpson Co.

Surviving are his wife, Alice L. ... formerly of Limehouse, a daughter Mrs Edward Road and son Clifford Ormand of Islington, a sister Mrs Mary Agnes Hartney, Manitoba, brother Thomas Storey, Winnipeg and three grandchildren, Douglas, Glen and Wendy Storey ... (remainder illegible)

... Toronto ... Interment was in Park Lawn cemetery.

OBITUARY

Limehouse Native Nelson Lane Dies

Nelson Lane, son of the late Mr and Mrs Jonathan Lane and a native of Limehouse, died at his home in Toronto last week following a heart attack. He was 53 years of age. Mr Lane had been a resident of Toronto since leaving Limehouse and was employed with the Bell Telephone Co. and later with the Canadian National Express.

Surviving are his wife Vera Howitt, one daughter Verna, Mrs James Young and one grandson, also a brother Rev W J Lane of Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan. He was predeceased by a brother J... and a sister Mrs Clayton L...

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Department Names Hargrave Examiner

R J. Hargrave has been appointed as examiner of applicants for motor vehicle driver's licenses in Acton. For some time there has been no examiner in Acton and applicants have had to go to other centres in order to pass the test qualifying them for a license.

Citizens will appreciate the appointment of an examiner for Acton by the Department. Mr Hargrave is a former reeve of Acton and is at present a member of Acton council. Since his residence in Acton he has taken a keen and active interest in this community. The appointment will be quite a convenience for this district for those who want to take the test to qualify for a licence to operate a motor vehicle.

Court Puts Dishes To Men's Club Pair

Defendant and counsel were summarily sentenced to do the dishes following a mock trial at Monday night's meeting of the Men's Club in the United church. W Woodburn and Bruce Shoemaker were the convicted pair.

Presiding over "court" proceedings was Rev E A Currey, while prosecutor was J Ledger and witnesses were, defense, O Robbins, E Lambert, prosecution, R. Davies, G. Hollinger. Six jurors reached the verdict.

R F Bean presided over the Monday night meeting and scripture was read by Bernard Miller. Prayer was given by Rev. C. L. Poole. Local YMCA secretary Dick Schmoll compared the organization and operation of Y clubs in Europe with those in Canada. His talk was enjoyed by the 25 members present.

Four committees were named for 1954: program, J Ledger, O Robbins, G Hollinger; membership, P Bunnie, E Lambert, B Miller; recreation and lunch, E Bilton, C Mason, J Van Fleet; service, W Woodburn, B Veldhuis, O Johnston.

... group and that the town pays its ... to the county charity ...

Council agreed to sponsor an advertisement in Acton in support of the March of Dimes" campaign in the drive against polio.

December's police report, which noted a total of $125 collected in fines and six convictions on seven ... prosecuted was tabled. Clerk McGeachie advised the streets committee that the interim road subsidy figures are to be ready for submission by February 8.

As council prepared to adjourn, Mayor Tyler informed members of some complaints regarding lights on Crescent and Queen streets. Discussion on this matter preceded an examination of unfavorable parking practices on Elgin street between Agnes and Church streets. Councillor Hargrave and Deputy-reeve Thompson agreed that offending cars should be towed away by police at night.

Earlier in the meeting, Clerk McGeachie was authorized to issue cheques for a total of $1,402.18 in regular accounts, listed as follows:

Acton Free Press printing	$ 54 67
L. W Agar coal	134 70
Halton Co. indigent patient	92 57
Ont. Prov. Police salaries	932 78
Thompson Farm Service	38 19
Assoc. of Assessing fees	10 00
Bowman Black and Shoemaker	12 00
A. K... tires, tubes ...	110 00
Bennett Stamp & Stencil Ltd ...	17 27
Bell Telephone	19 80

OBITUARY

Mrs. J. Crewson Dies at Belleville

Mrs J... Crewson, 233 Maria St, Belleville died suddenly at Belleville General hospital in her 67th year, December 27, 1953.

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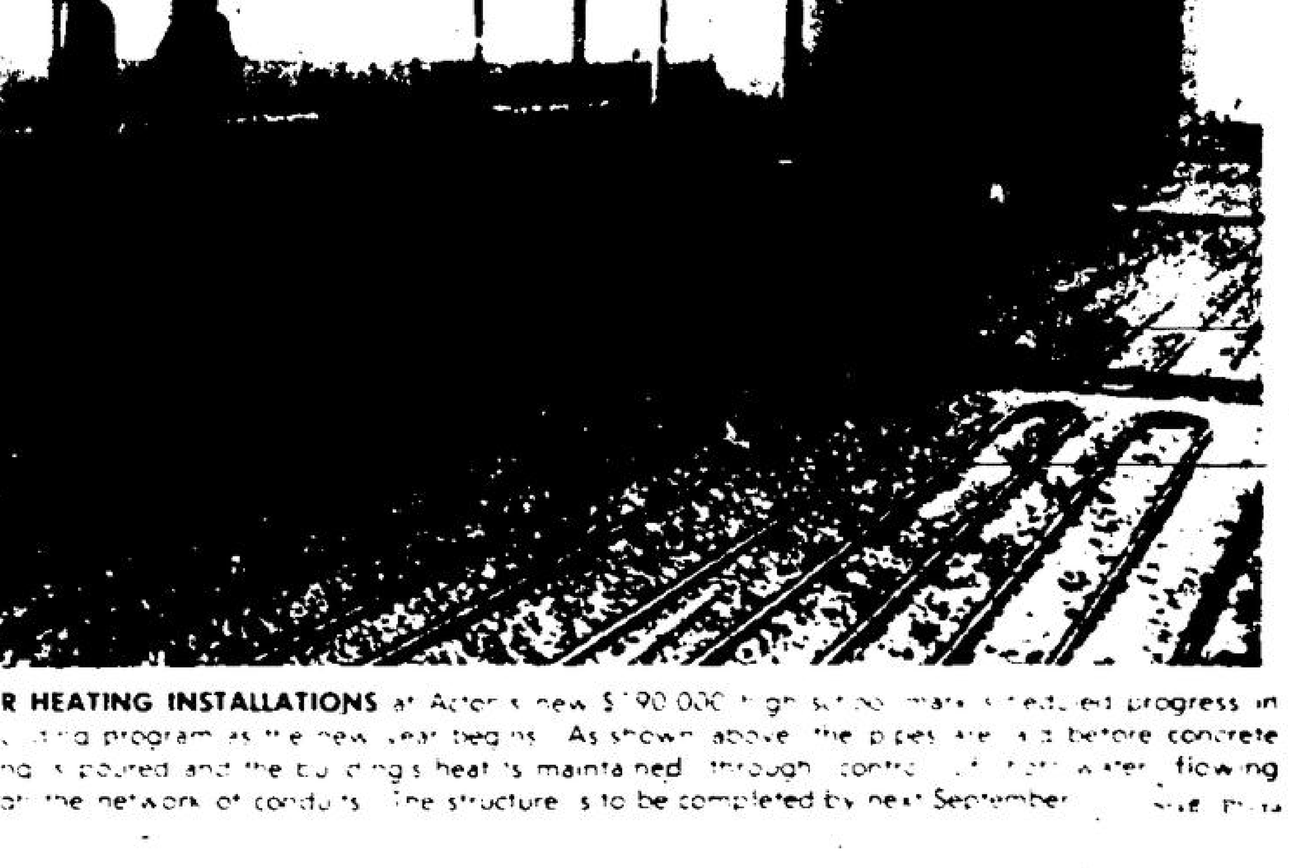
Funeral service was held ... Belleville funeral home ... December 29. Burial ... Belleville cemetery.



FLOOR HEATING INSTALLATIONS at Acton's new $190,000 high school mark scheduled progress in the building program as the new year begins. As shown above, the pipes are laid before concrete flooring is poured and the building's heat is maintained through control of hot water flowing through the network of conduits. The structure is to be completed by next September.