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## Couple Injured In Bad Accident Near Eden Mills

Close to \$1900 damage to vehicles and several injuries to persons are the results of five accidents in the district recently.

The most injuries were caused in an accident Sunday morning near Eden Mills where a new model car driven by Margaret Auliffe, R.R. 6, Guelph, failed to make a curve on the No. 20 sideroad between the first and second lines. The car skidded on the gravel road, entered the north ditch and rolled against a tree, crushing in the roof. Dr. Walter Scott treated Mrs. Auliffe and her husband, Lloyd, at the scene and they were later removed to a Guelph hospital.

Mrs. Auliffe suffered chest injuries, cuts and bruises, and head injuries. Mr. Auliffe received a fractured skull, cuts and bruises, and a severe chest injury. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1200 by Constable George of Milton, investigating officer.

When a car driven by John Billows, Guelph, failed to make a turn at Stewarttown, his car smashed head-on into a tree, causing \$60 damage. A passenger in the car, William Burns, same address, received abrasions, cuts and bruises, and required three stitches in a gash in his head. The incident happened last Friday.

An accident on Saturday on No. 7 highway just west of Georgetown resulted in \$125 damage to a car driven by Douglas Thompson of Acton. Mr. Thompson told police he was heading west and attempted to pass a truck. As he was passing, the truck pulled out to pass a car, and the rear wheels of the truck hit Thompson's car, forcing him off the road and into the ditch. The truck was driven by Chester Melanson, R.R. 1 Georgetown.

No injuries were suffered but \$200 damage was done to a car on the No. 10 sideroad just west of Campbellville in recent accidents. A car driven by Oscar Hanson, Elmhurst, met a vehicle coming the other way and pulled over to the right side of the road, striking a tree. The driver of the other car was identified as Lloyd Gimmer, R. R. 1, Moffat.

A panel truck driven by Harry Oakley, Georgetown, received \$300 damage to the right side when it skidded into the ditch on the seventh line, north of Stewarttown, on Saturday. Mr. Oakley told police that he heard a train whistle, applied the brakes, and skidded into the east ditch.

## International President Speaker At Acton Y's Men's 15th Birthday

Acton Y's Men celebrated their 15th birthday Saturday night at a party with guests from Brantford, Hamilton, Kitchener and Guelph. An extra special guest was the president of the International Association of Y's Men's clubs, Malcolm Bowman of Niagara Falls.

Introduced by Bill Benson, Mr. Bowman told of his experiences and meetings in Europe during the recent gathering of the World Alliance of Y's Men. The YMCA, he concluded, "is truly a world movement."

The international president lauded the value of the Bishop's Fund and its function of promoting exchange of Y's Men from different countries. He stressed accentuation of active membership and positive approaches, at the same time keeping a dominant Christian application in Y's Men's work.

The speaker was thanked by Charles Leatherland. Earlier Y's Men chairman, Elmer Smith called on Mayor E. Tyler to extend a welcome to the guests assembled and to the international president.

YMCA president Ken Knox spoke briefly. It was pointed out that this is the first time an international president has visited Acton.

Under the direction of Charles Kirkness, a Chinese auction in aid of the Bishop's Fund was held. This was followed by violin selections by Sheila Paul and several vocal numbers by Donna McMillan and Frank Bean.

An induction service, under the direction of district governor Garnet McKenzie, initiated several new Y's Men into the club, some from other centres. Inducted into the Acton club were Ken Mann, Alf Daby, Edgar Lukken and George Williams.

During the evening tribute was paid to five charter members of the Acton Y's Men's club still active. These are Bill Benson, Jack Creighton, Jack McGeochie, Garnet McKenzie and Wes Wolfe. Jack Creighton, who has not missed a meeting in 15 years, was presented with a token of recognition.

## Four Teams Entering Volleyball League

A new volleyball league is being formed at the Y.M.C.A. Teams are being formed by businessmen, high school teachers, Wool Comb and Baxter Labs.

Also new at the Y is a hobby class. Being modelled in asbestos are figurines, lamp bases, etc.



REMEMBRANCE DAY in Acton last Friday was marked by a parade to the cenotaph where wreaths honoring the dead of two world wars were placed by the town, Legion, I.O.O.F. chapters, tannery union, W.I., and firemen. At the flag mast, left, is W. Coles. Fire chief S. Tennant salutes after placing a wreath.

## Memory of Acton and District War Dead Honored in Services

Acton and district men who lost their lives in war were honored on Friday at the annual Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph, and at the church service which followed.

Following a parade from the Legion Hall, with representatives from town organizations led by the Acton Citizens' Band, a brief service was held at the memorial on Mill St. Lieut. G. W. Beatty gave the Legion charge and Lieut. R. M. Storey read the names of those who lost their lives in defense of freedom in two world wars. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the monument in solemn memory. Charlie Landsborough played the ever-sounding Last Post and Reveille as the crowd on the street observed two minutes' silence. After a hymn, Rev. Gordon Adams pronounced the benediction.

Rev. F. L. E. H. Jones gave the timely address at the service which followed in the United church. Also taking part in the service were Mr. Adams, who gave the Call to Worship, Rev. R. Groenboer who gave the invocation, Rev. R. H. Armstrong who led in prayer and Rev. K. J. Reid who led the responsive reading.

Frank Bean at the organ accompanied the Legion choir and congregation for the appropriate hymns, O God of Bethel, God of our Fathers and O Valiant Hearts.

In the afternoon of Remembrance Day, members of Acton Legion joined in the service at Nassagaweya Presbyterian church. Rev. G. S. Baulch gave the address in keeping with the day; his topic was Christian Liberty. W. F. Slinn read the Scripture and Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares led in prayer. The entire service followed the memorial theme at the Soldiers' Memorial in Nassagaweya. Arthur Padbury read the names of those who lost their lives in conflict. Wreaths were placed to honor their memory. Bill Mattocks gave the Legion charge.

Plans for next year's projects were discussed.

## United Suburban Applies Another Gas Hearing for Three Towns

Applications by the United Suburban Gas Company for approval of franchise by-laws in Milton, Georgetown and Acton were heard in Milton last week in a four-hour session before Ontario Fuel Board chairman A. R. Crozier. Most of the proceedings dealt with agreement clauses. Only one objection, the Anthony Gas and Oil Exploratives company, appeared at the meeting.

John Evans, solicitor for the applicant, asked the board to hear the Georgetown franchise first, explaining that he would point out any differences which may arise in the Milton franchise to P. K. McWilliams, solicitor for the town of Milton as he went along. The board agreed to this, and Mr. Evans began reading the long franchise.

First change to be made in the franchise was pointed out by Mr. Evans, a clause to be inserted in the Georgetown franchise. Mr. Evans explained that the town of Georgetown didn't want any gas to be produced in the town so a clause had been inserted stating that in the case of any emergency, gas could be produced by the propane method. The Board agreed to this without objection.

Customer Services. Considerable discussion resulted when the subject of customer services arose. The agreement in the franchise stated that the gas company would tap the main line in the centre of the street and lay a service line to the property line at each house.

Mr. McWilliams asked that the company should lay a certain length of service line into each customer's house at the expense of the company. W. L. Dutton, technical consultant for the United Suburban Gas Company, assured Mr. McWilliams that it was the policy of the company to give the customer free service up to a certain length of line, and that the customer would pay any extra length necessary. The Board contended that the length of free service line should conform to the length given in other towns throughout the country. Mr. Evans strongly objected to the clause concerning the free services being in the franchise.

A general discussion of rate setting, approval of terms and conditions followed, and the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

## 'Investigations' Promised Opinions and Queries Fly As Ratepayers Speak Up

### Remove Furniture As Flames Fought

What could have been a costly fire was prevented Tuesday shortly after noon when Acton firefighters acted quickly to extinguish a blaze in a house occupied by Dan Campbell on cemetery hill.

Fire from unknown cause started in an upstairs room and worked up into the roof. Brigade members cut through the roof in order to douse the flames.

While a high wind whirled smoke around the house, neighbors removed furniture and personal effects from the house to the front lawn. Occupants of one part of the large frame home were away at the time of the fire.

### Name Two Boys To Represent North Halton

The North Halton public speaking competitions, including representatives of Milton, Acton, and Georgetown, were held at Milton High School on Monday night of this week, with 16 contestants participating. The two winners, both boys, are Peter Forgyvans of Georgetown and Randy Lidkea of Acton.

The 16 consisted of five chosen from each school and of these, the two boys were chosen to represent North Halton in a competition with South Halton next Thursday. This final will also be held in Milton High School.

Bill Siddal, principal of the J. M. Denyes school in Milton, acted as chairman for the evening, and welcomed everyone to the fourth annual public speaking contest, sponsored by the Principals' Association of Halton county. He explained that the two winners would be chosen to compete in the finals and introduced the judges, George Elliott, Milton; Ken Knox, Acton and Graham Hornel, Georgetown.

George Elliott of Milton, spokesman for the judges gave the speaker a few hints on public speaking before announcing the winners.

### Dr. Robert Buckner Speaker At So-Ed

Dr. Robert Buckner showed a film on mental health and answered many questions during the stimulating discussion which followed, at the final meeting of the So-Ed series at the Y.M.C.A. last Thursday evening.

Although over 70 signed to attend the series at its inception, attendance was disappointingly low during the series, planned by a committee of Y's Men. Possibility of holding the So-Ed project again is being considered.

### Rap New Civic Centre Proposal

Chairman Cook said he was at council when the drawings were presented by the Town Planner. He expressed surprise there was no discussion whatsoever from councillors about the project, after the drawings were spread about the room. It would seem, he commented, that council was trying to "soft-pedal" the people into saying yes on a new civic centre.

From the audience B. D. Rachlin added no voice to discussion on the proposed civic centre. Mr. Rachlin said he was surprised council had not killed the idea before bringing it to a vote.

He queried the size of Acton's per capita debt, criticized the fact that the town sells its debentures under par—while neighboring communities sell over par—and reflected that the present council "will buy almost anything."

Mr. Rachlin continued that he questioned if the town would get an 80 per cent grant toward the building of the new Maria St. bridge, as it was reported. He urged it should be made known just who is responsible for the Maria St. bridge, and added there was doubt in his mind if the town had to maintain this structure.

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Acton's infant Ratepayers' Association only two weeks old and growing noticeably, threw questions and opinions around the Public School auditorium Tuesday night when nearly 60 citizens gathered on invitation of the Glenlea division for a town-wide meeting.

Association chairman Walter Cook reiterated the purpose of the group and speculated that, in view of Acton citizens' commendable record during World War II at home and overseas, some of this spirit could be regenerated today to make the town envied by other communities.

Following the reading of previous minutes and a review of the adopted charter, the chairman referred to procedure which is to be adopted in calling a meeting or airing a grievance.

The chairman said he recently sat in on a public meeting where the head of the civic body ordered

out a citizen who was trying to get an answer to a grievance. This man couldn't speak English well, Chairman Cook said, and he was humiliated before this civic body.

"Protection of ratepayers from unjust expropriation of properties," the chairman stated, would be one of the Association's aims.

A gentleman in the front row asked if council or the press was represented at this meeting. The chairman replied he understood, since no councillor was present, that "other meetings" were more important than this one. However, he added, an invitation had been extended to the press.

Chairman Cook went on to itemize the aims of the Association. These included town improvement, with attention to roads, walks, lighting, fire services, parks, health and welfare, also protection to ratepayers and industrial promotion.

Some praise was held for the Chamber of Commerce Chairman Cook referred to the Chamber as a group of shopkeepers who are doing a good job in the town.

Vice-president A. Ives directed the meeting briefly to explain the organization's composition. He said it was hoped a similar organization would be formed in Lakeshore, Cobble Hill and the remainder of Acton.

Reuming the chair, Mr. Cook reminded the meeting of nomination night and election date. Here he was asked if the Glenlea subdivision proposed to put up candidates for public office.

Candidates from Glenlea. He replied it was proposed there would be two candidates for council, one for P.U.C. and one for the Public School Board from Glenlea. After a remark from the floor ridiculing the notion of a new civic centre for Acton, the meeting was thrown open.

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## Urban Board Still Waits for Word On Phone Area

In a letter to the North Halton Urban Board meeting in Acton on Tuesday night, the Bell Telephone Co. agreed to advise the Board as soon as any information is available about including the three towns and surrounding district into one calling zone.

Another letter before the Board gave information on the development program of the Regional Development Association of Ontario. A copy of the program of the Board was also received. It appeared that since the area here was considered in the metropolitan area, it would be some time before any activities of the provincial association would be effective in the North Halton area.

The Board, however, asked the secretary to write asking that a representative come to a meeting of the North Halton Board early in the new year.

Representatives agreed that engineer Frank Palleen would spend more time in Acton while the new bridge was under construction. Mileage of \$47.12 for October was approved for the engineer.

The proceedings in connection with gas franchisees for the three towns was briefly discussed. It was agreed that when more information was available, a meeting of the Board would thoroughly review the matter so that any action taken would be in the best interests of the three towns involved.

Messrs. Johnson, Cunningham and Reid of Milton; Hargrave and Brunelle of Acton and engineer Frank Palleen were present. Acton Mayor Tyler presided and a next meeting of the board is scheduled for December 13 in Milton.

## Church Drive Over \$30,000

Over 200, representing 142 families, attended the Loyalty Dinner held by the canvass committee of Acton United church Monday evening in the public school auditorium. Following the meal, about 75 children were entertained at the church with a program of films.

While they were away, excellent addresses were given by W. J. Beatty, W. Woodburn, G. McKenzie and Dick Bean stressing "the need of the give to give." Mansel Nellis chaired the meeting.

At the time of going to press, the campaign had passed the \$30,000 mark and the committee fully expected to pass the published goal of \$75,000 by Friday evening.

Canvassers are calling on members and differentials of the church Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Tuesday evening, when the men received their final instructions, an inspiring but short devotional period was conducted by Rev. Gordon Adams.

"Undoubtedly, this canvass, although confined to the members and adherents of the United church, will have an uplifting effect on the community in general," Dick Bean, the publications chairman, said.

Committee members attributed the success of the Loyalty Dinner in no small way to Mrs. A. Lon, Mrs. R. Bean, Mrs. F. Cleave and Mrs. H. Burns, who acted jointly as hostesses and arrangements committee. A group of ladies looked after the children in the church during the program, and Doug Davidson ran the movie projector.

## Annual Dinner Held By Men Of Knox

Their annual dinner was enjoyed by the Men of Knox on Tuesday evening with the Heather Club catering. About 40 attended the event in the Presbyterian church.

Following the dinner, the men heard Dr. Robert Buckner speak on mental health. He feels that incidence of psychosis is not increasing but there are more neurotics nowadays. He suggested a reason might be the breakdown of faith. Each mental patient costs the government \$1000 a year, he pointed out, adding that more prevention and research is needed to prevent these cases. Rev. R. H. Armstrong introduced Mr. Buckner and Jack Davidson thanked him. Charles Kirkness acted as master of ceremonies.

## Y's Men Get Boot From Visiting Club For Evening Meal

Acton Y's Men got a big boost from Kitchener Y's Men who came to enjoy the local club's 15th birthday party here Saturday night.

When the visiting Y's Men came to pay up their share of the dinner, they handed over with a straight face a proffered plaster boot containing \$10—all in pennies.

Kitchener, the story goes, got the boot from Brantford. Acton Y's Men keep it until an opportunity arises to give the boot to another club.



ACTON Y'S MEN'S CLUB celebrated its 15th birthday Saturday night and congratulations included those of the international president, Malcolm Bowman, second from right, of Niagara Falls who was the guest speaker. At right is local Y's Men's president Elmer Smith. Far left is district governor Pat McKenzie with Wilf Roberts, Guelph, international director for Ontario.